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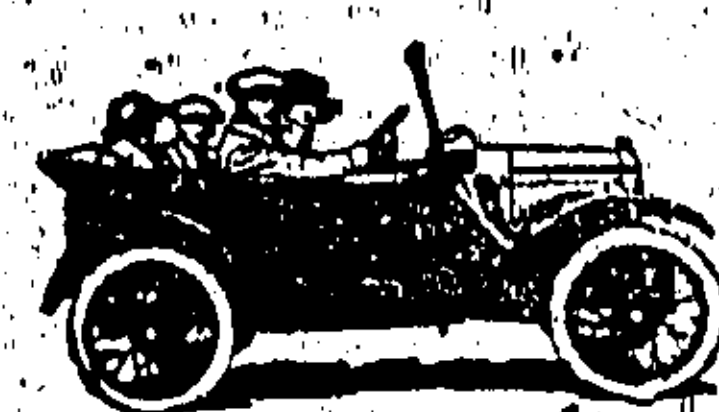
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Increased passenger transportation for Kowloon was foreshadowed at to-day's annual meeting of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. The contemplated provision of six larger and more modern cars for Hongkong was also referred to.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided over the meeting at which there were also present Sir C. P. Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. H. Compton; Mr. W. F. Simmons, Secretary and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, General Manager, also the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. A. Ayres, Lo Man-hin, Poon Chung-cho, W. Y. F. M. Ellis, O. F. Ribeiro, E. E. Ellis, Lo Kin-fai, P. M. N. da Silva, C. M. Alves, Chan Yat-fung, F. R. Smyth, and W. E. Van Epps.

The Chairman spoke as follows:—The result of the year's working is again a highly satisfactory. Traffic and miscellaneous receipts show an increase over the previous year of \$331,473, whilst operating expenses were greater by \$51,228. Gross working profit was thus \$280,245 higher. The necessary increased running was 326,638 miles, whilst 4,868,804 more passengers were carried. Traffic receipts are 22.32 per cent. higher, and the operating costs 8.74 per cent. higher than for the previous period.

The power plant, referred to in past years, has now been finally disposed of, a total loss of \$139,318 being incurred, and you will have observed the sum of \$89,318—the final loss in writing this item off the books—charged in the profit and loss account.

The sum of \$22,000 has been written off goodwill, as is usual. Sale of the investments, mentioned in the Chairman's address last year, shows included in the accounts a realised profit of \$131,351.

The sum of \$825,000 has been transferred from profit and loss account to general reserve account. This transfer was made to increase the account to the extent necessary for requirements of the bonus that it is proposed to declare out of reserve. You have intimation of this in the circular letter of December 30 last, and it is for the purpose of voting upon resolutions in authorisation of the recommendations then outlined that the extraordinary general meeting, of which you have notice, has been convened to follow this meeting to-day.

Six additional tramcars were put into service during the year, and, in order to cope with the natural growth and development of traffic, it has been decided to provide a further six cars during the present year. These will be of

a larger and of a more modern type than our present standard car. It is also proposed to improve the top deck covers of the present cars so as to afford greater protection in wet and cold weather to passengers riding on the top deck. The very important work of doubling the track between Causeway Bay and Shaukiwan has been

commenced, and about half a mile has been completed. It will, however, be some considerable time before our cars will be able to operate throughout over a continuous double track. The Government is constructing a practically new road and has many cuttings to make and diversions to effect before we can begin our levels in the new positions. As the Government proceeds, with its work, however, we can rapidly follow up.

As regards the question of passenger transportation in Kowloon I understand that the Government has decided to again call for tenders for the exclusive right of maintaining a motor omnibus service in Kowloon. It is the intention of your Directors to tender for such a service, although it is felt that electric traction by means of either cars on rails or railless trolley vehicles would be preferable.

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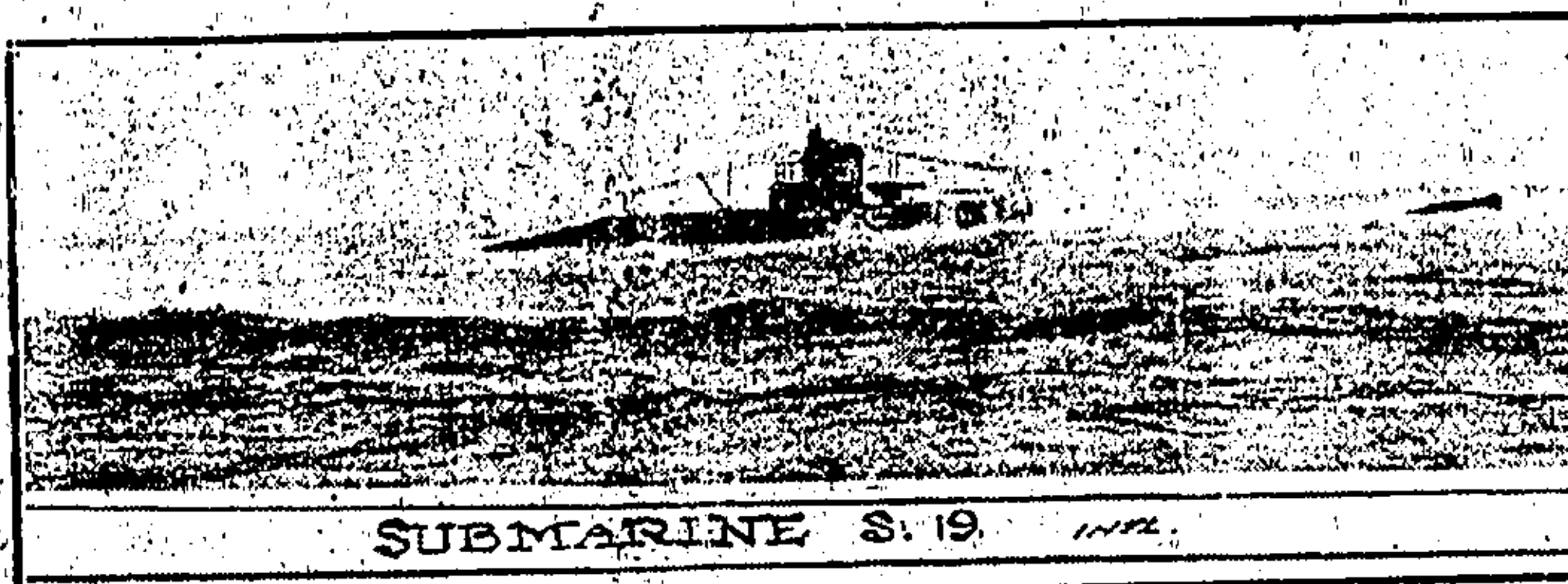
TWO LOCAL STEAMERS RETURN.

SHANSHI AND FOOSHING.

Two local steamers, crippled through accidents, arrived back in Hongkong this morning for repairs. Striking a rock outside Amoy harbour, the China Navigation steamer, Shanshi, was holed in her side. Some of the cargo in No. 1 hold was damaged, but when a part of the load was taken off, the steamer backed off the rocks on her own power.

A diver was sent up by the Taikeo Dock Co. Temporary repairs were effected and the steamer taken into Amoy, whence she returned to Hongkong, using her own power.

SUBMARINE SEVERELY BATTERED.



Submarine S-19, beaten off her course by a terrific gale, was driven ashore on Napees Shoal, Cape Cod, with five officers and thirty-five men on board. Rolling on a sandbar about 300 feet from the beach, the vessel was battered by huge waves that crashed over her. The officers and men were compelled to remain on board, and coast guard cutters stood by to render aid. This photograph shows the submarine on the bar.

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ATTACKED WITH CHOPPER

SLEEPING WIDOW'S NARROW ESCAPE.

TIMELY ALARM RAISED.

A Shanghai Chinese who had sought lodging with a widow living at No. 26, Taishimui, North Point, disclosed his true colours when he armed himself with a chopper and attacked the woman whilst she was asleep in the cockpit last night. The intention of the man was to snatch away the jewellery which the woman was wearing. Although the woman was injured with a blow on the head, she called out for assistance, and her assailant immediately made his escape.

In England; and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, who comes with a long and successful tramway record, was appointed General Manager.

In view of the Directors' proposals regarding the issue of one new fully paid bonus share for every present share held, no further dividend for the year 1924 is recommended for declaration.

In conclusion, I may say that we have just reviewed a period of working that can only be regarded as distinctly gratifying both from the viewpoint of results and as regards the service we are providing.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts; Sir Paul Chater seconded, and they were adopted. The only other business before the yearly meeting was the re-election of the retiring directors, Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. A. H. Compton, (proposed by Mr. Lo Man-hin, seconded by Mr. F. M. Ellis and carried) and the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors at a fee of \$1,500 (proposed by Mr. A. A. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Poon Chung-cho and carried).

(Reference to the extraordinary meeting, at which was confirmed the distribution of \$5 shares as bonus, appears elsewhere in this issue.)

RACING AGAIN.

PROSPECTS OF TO-MORROW'S EVENTS. SURPRISES POSSIBLE.

Fast Going and Big Tote Dividends.

Beyond what they have already picked up at the annual meeting last week, "punters" will have little information to go by for to-morrow's races.

There is hardly a pony that has been asked for a big effort in the morning gallops this week. Trainers have been content to send their charges along for a slow mile or a quarter-mile sprint. Accordingly, the "clockers" have had an easy time.

With the exception of the Pansy Handicap, which is divided into three classes, the races are

mostly for ponies which have done badly and might be put down to an "extra off day." None of the star performers has been entered, so that there will be ample chance for the smaller fry. As is generally the case with the "also runs," surprises will be the order of the day, meaning big dividends on the "tote."

That drop of rain earlier in the week has done the course a world of good. Reputed mud-wallowers will, therefore, have to wait for another opportunity to show their prowess as the going will be fast and the track on the hard side, unless there is an appreciable change in the weather.

Most of the Shanghai gentlemen riders have left, with the exception of Mr. Eric Moller, who is expected to don silks to-morrow afternoon. He will be in opposition to the Hongkong jockeys, of which the pick might include Lieut.-Commander Thompson, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Zelenky, Mr. Harriman, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Pollock.

Those who won money on the Derby and Champions will be pleased to learn that their favourites, Local Option and Grey Morn, went a slow mile and a quarter in convincing manner yesterday morning. Their success at Shanghai will be eagerly looked forward to.

From inquiries at the course it was gathered that none of the ponies which disappointed last week has accomplished anything out of the ordinary; and that, in training, all the candidates have just done what was expected of them.

Racing begins to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., and will continue shortly after six o'clock. The first event on the card is a Polo Pony Scurry, which has not been held for some time, although it used to be very popular at the gymkhanas of previous years. After the Scurry will come the three divisions of the Fanning Handicap, the "A" class being the big event of the day.

STORAGE OF PETROL.

GARAGE OWNERS IN COURT.

A number of motor garage owners were charged this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy with storage of petrol on the premises contrary to regulations.

The accused in every case, having been summoned for the first time, were all discharged with a caution.

KNOCKED DOWN.

CHINESE WOMAN INJURED BY CAR.

A Chinese woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received in a motor car accident. The woman was knocked down by a motor car owned and driven by Surgeon Commander Williams, of the Royal Naval Hospital.

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"SUDAN"	1,486	14th Mar.	Sapora, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KARHAR"	1,008	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"HINDRPORE"	1,104	21st Mar.	Singapore and Bombay
"MIZAPOR"	1,715	24th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"SICILIA"	1,613	1st Apr.	Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	1,012	4th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"KARMA"	1,098	11th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	1,189	14th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"SARDINIA"	1,584	18th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"NAGIVA"	1,754	21st Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"SUDAN"	1,486	24th Apr.	Marseilles and London
"MORA"	1,011	1st May	Marseilles and London
"SICILIA"	1,613	4th May	Sapora, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"KALYAN"	1,118	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	1,031	14th May	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'way
"TUTANI"	1,041	17th May	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	1,405	21st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	1,012	24th May	Marseilles and London

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"TALAMBA"	1,018	3rd Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	1,036	6th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TARADA"	1,833	10th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TARADA"	1,846	13th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TARADA"	1,846	16th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TARADA"	1,846	19th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	1,856	18th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	1,000	1st Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	1,400	15th Apr.	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN			
S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAIREA"	7,933	27th Feb.	Amoy, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	1,012	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	1,613	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	1,000	16th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	1,098	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	1,018	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TARADA"	1,833	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	1,012	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	1,613	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	1,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA"	1,098	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	1,018	9th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TARADA"	1,833	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	1,012	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	1,613	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"TARADA"	1,833	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	1,012	3rd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	1,613	6th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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THIRD ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

TWO REPLAYS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 26.
The replayed match between Blackburn Rovers and Tottenham Hotspur, in the third round of the English Cup, resulted as follows:-

Blackburn Rovers.....3
Tottenham Hotspur.....1

The replayed match between Leicester and Hull resulted:-

Leicester.....3
Hull.....1

The draw for the fourth round, to be played on March 3, now stands:-

Southampton v. Liverpool.
Cardiff v. Leicester.
Sheffield United v. West Bromwich Albion.
Blackburn Rovers v. Blackpool.

TENNIS.

MORE CHALLENGES FOR DAVIS CUP.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 26.
Austria and Mexico have challenged for the Davis Cup.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

STILL WEAKER.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, February 26.
Dr. Kreig's bulletin states that Sun Yat-sen is weaker, and that his sleep and appetite are decreasing. His pulse is about 120, temperature 93.9 and respiration 30.

HATE OF ASIA.

CAPETOWN, February 26.
Speaking in the Assembly in connection with a Bill to amend the Mines and Works Act, which restricts the employment of natives and Asiatics in mines and factories, the ex-Premier, General Smuts, urged the Government to avoid casting a stigma on Asiatics in legislation by coupling them with natives.

"We shall gather on our heads the hatred of the whole of Asia from North to South," he said. Every Asiatic country was branded by the Bill and they would feel the weight of their hatred for years to come. The debate was adjourned.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning.

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Langkate.....	20 Buyers.
Engos.....	12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks.....	118 Buyers.
New Engineering.....	85 Buyers.
Oriental.....	373 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons.....	60 Buyers.

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ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Of an entirely different nature to the last production of the A.D.C., but at one with it in the manner in which it captivates, is "French Leave," the second night's presentation of which was enthusiastically greeted by a large audience at the Theatre Royal last night.

Volumes could be written of the complicity of developments which arise out of a comparatively simple plot, but these could give no more than a general idea of their ex-cruciatingly humorous nature.

To read or to hear a peppery General giving vent to his feelings along lines which, from time immemorial rather than from the time that Generals were first "invented" have become universally accepted as those fitting and proper for peppery Generals most satisfactorily to express themselves, may not in the ordinary way strike one as being anything other than to hold one's sides and laugh until the tears ooze from one's eyes but well—the completion of the sentence is best left the reader who takes the tip of the scribe and visits the theatre this afternoon or to-morrow night.

Such a one will be in a position to appreciate more than print can describe the wealth of humour (and language) that can arise out of a General's midnight wanderings. The writer, by the way, is the novelist's pen, by the way, is the novelist's pen, by the way, is the novelist's pen.

"French" lady suspected of being a German spy. By the time that events have worked themselves out to a logical conclusion the audience is left in a state of shaking incapacity.

"As good as any tonic," haven't laughed so much for many a long day" are typical of the remarks overheard after the finish of the play which is one of the funniest that Hongkong has had the opportunity of participating in for many a long day. The acting throughout is convincing.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

PARIS, February 26.
Speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association, M. Herriot recalled that on taking power he had promised to maintain France's historic friendship with American and English democracies. Both at London and Geneva he had fulfilled his promise to the best of his ability.

"France respects her engagements," he said "but one must be just to her, who is now exerting all her energy to repair the terrible losses inflicted by the War. In order to be just to France, it is necessary to take into account her generosity, for while having so many provinces whose houses are in ruins, she assisted Germany's reconstruction and contributed a loan of 800,000,000 francs to this effect."

M. Herriot stressed the fact that the French Parliament will shortly establish a perfectly balanced budget of thirty-five billion francs and that France's restoration was the basis of all settlements.

"The most difficult task," he concluded, "is to avoid misunderstandings between the nations, and in order to solve it, we must exchange views clearly and frankly. The War is over but the effects of the War have not yet ended."

HONGKONG TO KEELUNG.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha's steamer Amakusa Maru has now been replaced by the s.s. Hozan Maru.

This steamer is scheduled to make regular service between Hongkong and Keelung calling at Swatow and Amoy with the s.s. Kujo Maru, leaving Hongkong every Sunday, and the former will leave here on March 1, as her first voyage.

Her gross tonnage is 2,350, speed 15 knots, cargo capacity over 2,000 tons, and she has spacious accommodation for about 700 passengers, including first, second, third class and deck passengers. She is also fitted with wireless and electric fans in state-rooms, and has saloons, social room, and every convenience for the comfort of the passengers.

Tokio, February 26.—The light cruiser Furukata, 7,500 tons, was launched at Nagasaki yesterday.—Reuter.

Peking, February 26.—The Reorganisation Conference will hold its third business meeting to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

Berlin, February 26.—The latest bulletin states that Herr Ebert is suffering from peritonitis. He passed a bad night and his condition is serious.—Reuter.

Washington, February 26.—The German-American Mixed Claims Commission have agreed to compute the value of the Mark at sixteen cents in settling claims of Americans involving pre-war Bank balances in Germany and pre-war debts in Marks owned by German nationals.—Reuter's American Service.

Antwerp, February 26.—Prince Chaudhury, the Siamese Minister for Commerce, has had a long conversation with the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and with the heads of the principal commercial firms, with a view to strengthening Belgian-Siamese commercial relations. Prince Chaudhury is proceeding to Holland.—Reuter.

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Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1925.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are hereby notified that the Fifth Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on SATURDAY the 14th of March 1925 at 8 p.m. in Queen's College and not on the 7th of March as previously advertised.

By Order of the General Committee
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1925.

HÖZAN MARU.

HONGKONG TO KEELUNG.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha's steamer Amakusa Maru has now been replaced by the s.s. Hozan Maru.

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Tokio, February 26.—The light cruiser Furukata, 7,500 tons, was launched at Nagasaki yesterday.—Reuter.

Peking, February 26.—The Reorganisation Conference will hold its third business meeting to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

Berlin, February 26.—The latest bulletin states that Herr Ebert is suffering from peritonitis. He passed a bad night and his condition is serious.—Reuter.

Washington, February 26.—The German-American Mixed Claims Commission have agreed to compute the value of the Mark at sixteen cents in settling claims of Americans involving pre-war Bank balances in Germany and pre-war debts in Marks owned by German nationals.—Reuter's American Service.

Antwerp, February 26.—Prince Chaudhury, the Siamese Minister for Commerce, has had a long conversation with the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and with the heads of the principal commercial firms, with a view to strengthening Belgian-Siamese commercial relations. Prince Chaudhury is proceeding to Holland.—Reuter.

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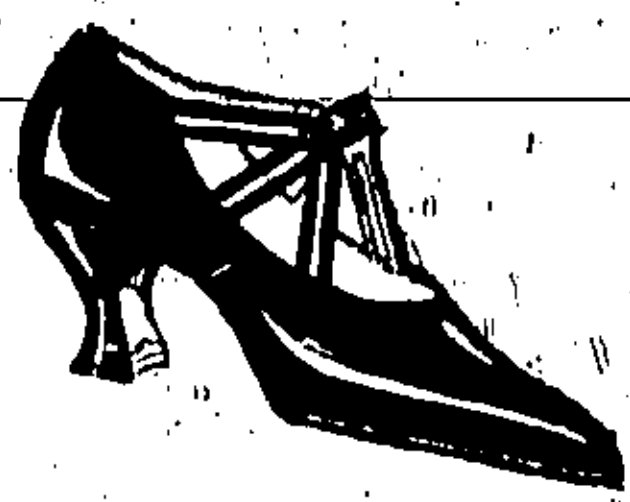
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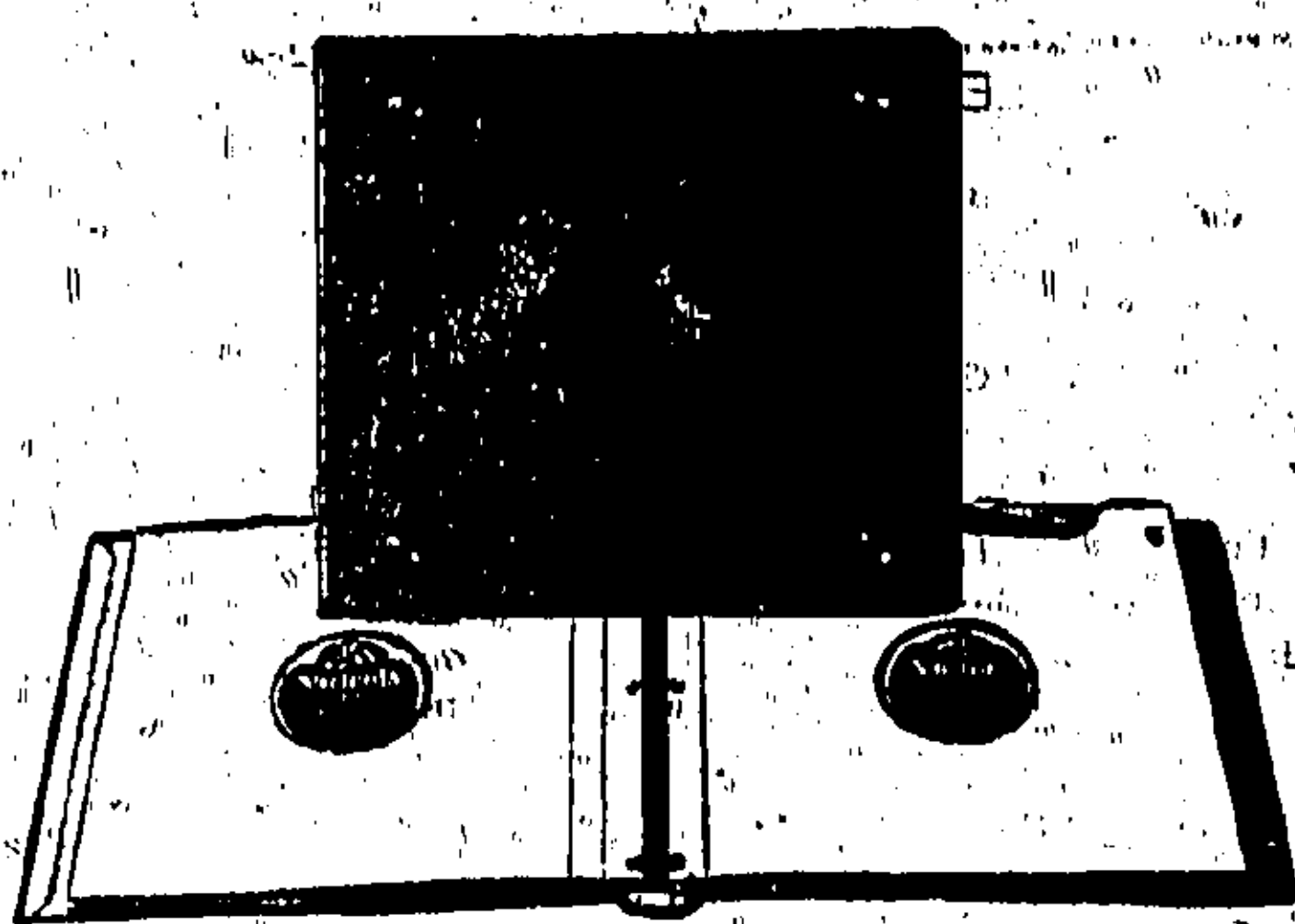
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BIRTHS.

BACHRACH.—On February 19, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bachrach, a son.

BELL.—On February 19, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bell, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

TAYLOR—BENTLEY.—On February 18, at Manchester, Albert Norman Taylor, of the China Navigation Co., second son of Mrs. C. Taylor and the late Mr. Charles Taylor, of Manchester, to Dorothy Lillian Bentley, B. Sc. Hons. (Victoria), fourth daughter of Mr. G. H. Bentley and the late Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester and London.

DEATH.

MACKAY.—On February 20, at Shanghai, Alexander Beith Mackay, Public Works Department, Shanghai Municipal Council.

Hongkong, Friday, February 27, 1925.

RENTS HOPES.

Anxious tenants, disappointed that the Legislative Council did not adopt the resolution yesterday promising them further protection

words certainly suggest that he has decided in his own mind that the Ordinance should be extended, and the only question is for how long. And as we have already said, the period cannot be for less than six months.

Something New.

For the first time in building operations in China, a concrete pile driving equipment has been used, this being at the site of the new jail at Ngau Shi Wan, where the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., is carrying out an extensive contract for the Government. Sponsored by the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, the company has purchased the necessary plant from the Raymond Co. With the installation 40 piles can be driven into the ground to a depth of twenty feet as compared with about two a day by older methods. In addition to time saving, there are other advantages. A spirally reinforced shell is fitted on to a "pile core" and then driven into the earth by a strong steam hammer. When the shell is in its proper place the core is withdrawn and—prior to insertion of concrete—the shell can be examined. Possibility of examination and the resistance of the steel shell to back pressure from the earth form advantages which even the layman can appreciate. At the new jail site 2,500 of these piles will be put in. Two test piles were put in on Wednesday evening and work is now proceeding apace. The Company is to be congratulated on installing this completely equipped pile-driver, on which a supervising crew of three Europeans are at work. His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of going out to see the work at a later date.

Admirals to Meet.

Indications in to-day's cablegrams point to the Admirals' Conference in Singapore being something more than the mere formality mentioned a few weeks ago. As the "Singapore Free Press" remarked in a recent issue, the conference will be all the more interesting in that the construction of the naval base, the preliminary aviation examination of that area, and the recent experimental submarine operations will all contribute data for consideration in estimating the action to be pursued in any combined operations over the huge ocean stretch from India to Australia and the Pacific. The environment of Fleets in the East and the local conditions affecting their speed, offensive power, ability to remain at sea, and relation to climatic conditions, all need careful study quite apart from questions of organisation of scattered units, rendezvous, and the best method of ensuring speedy concentration of homogeneous units, or units as nearly homogeneous as to constitute in combination an effective striking force. Trade routes and effective communication systems are among other matters which can be most satisfactorily discussed personally by those who will have to co-operate to maintain them, and the conference will have a sufficiency of necessary and important detail to consider to occupy fully any time it may have at its disposal, quite apart from the possibilities of combined manoeuvres in larger numbers, and with broader aims, than any one of the three commands can carry out by itself. In short, there are possibilities in the Admirals' Conference undreamed of in pre-war days.

LOCAL CINEMA FEATURES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

CHANEY ADDS TWO TO HIS THOUSAND FACES.

Lon Chaney, the star of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," is at his best in the Goldwyn melodrama, "A Blind Bargain," which will be the attraction at the Queen's Theatre for four days, commencing to-day.

In this thrilling picture he adds two faces to the thousand he has previously accumulated and it is safe to say that without the guidance of the cast of characters no one would recognise him either as the half-mad physician, Dr. Lamb, or as the hunchback victim of one of the doctor's experiments in turning man back into his simian prototype by transplanting live monkey glands into his body. The two characterisations are as opposite as day and night. The polished physician is the villain and the simian hunchback is the sympathetic character. Nor by any stretch of the imagination could either characterisation be connected in any way with Chaney's roles in "The Penalty" or "Ace of Hearts," his former Goldwyn pictures.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS.

BONUS IN SHARES.

DISTRIBUTION MEETS WITH APPROVAL.

Following the yearly meeting of Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., this morning (a report of which appears on page one) an extraordinary general meeting was held for the purpose of confirming the proposed distribution among shareholders of \$5 shares as bonus. In proposing the resolutions to this effect, the Chairman said:

During the past unsettled and abnormal years it has been important in the best interest of the Company to provide resources against many contingencies and unusual demands, and your Directors have accordingly pursued a conservative financial policy.

Over the past 10 years the business of your Company has been consistently increasing, and many notable extensions and additions have been made in the tramway system.

Shareholders have not been called upon to provide new capital for these developments, which have been effected from time to time out of current resources. In consequence, a considerable reserve fund has accumulated.

It is the considered view of your Directors that, in the light of the general prosperity of the undertaking and the sound basis that has been achieved, as these funds are already employed in the undertaking the time has arrived to capitalise them by the issue of additional shares. Before this can be done it is necessary to increase the capital of the Company to the requisite amount.

You are accordingly called here to-day to consider and, if thought fit, pass the resolutions, of which you have notice, to increase the authorised capital of the Company from \$1,625,000 to \$3,250,000 by the creation of 325,000 additional shares of \$5 each to rank equally with the present shares and in pursuance of Article No. 128 of the Articles of Association to capitalise accumulated reserve to the extent of \$1,625,000 issuing the new shares to members credited as fully paid up in the proportion of one new share for every present share held.

It should be mentioned that in the year 1910 the issued capital of the English Company, by which the undertaking was then operated, was reduced from \$325,000 to \$281,250. In actual effect the outcome of the resolutions will be to place the capital back more or less on the original footing.

These proposals are now submitted to you and are recommended by your Directors as being in the general interests of your Company in every way.

The Chairman then proposed the two resolutions which were seconded by Messrs. A. A. Alves and F. M. Ellis.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

"THAT COINCIDENCE."

CUTTINGS FROM EXERCISE BOOKS.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the hearing was continued of the case in which a Chinese employee of the Societe Francaise de Gerance was charged with alleged embezzlement of \$6,600 in Straits Currency.

Mr. M. H. Turner prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

The accused is alleged to have extracted the money from a packet sent to Singapore in January, and to have substituted paper cut to the same size as the missing notes. Some of the paper used had been cut from exercise books, and it was alleged, bore the handwriting of the son and daughter of the accused.

The statement made by the accused in answer to the charge was produced. It was a denial of the offence, which, it was pointed out, the accused had no opportunity of committing.

After the evidence of the accused's daughter, who admitted that two pieces of paper shown to her were in her handwriting, Mr. Turner applied for an adjournment until the arrival of a witness from Singapore.

Mr. Lo submitted that there was no evidence against the accused and asked for his discharge. The evidence of the prosecution tended to point to the accused being innocent rather than guilty.

The Magistrate said that there was "that coincidence"—the cuttings from the exercise books—and the accused should offer an explanation.

A further adjournment was made for a week.

In attempting to board a P.W.D. motor lorry whilst in motion at Queen's Road, West, yesterday, a scavenging coolie was injured, one of the wheels passing over his foot. The man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.

MOTOR DRIVER'S TRIAL.

STORY OF RIKISHA FULLER'S DEATH.

It was the contention of the prosecution that the prisoner should have exercised more care on account of the wet night and the slippery condition of the road at this morning's proceedings against a motor driver who knocked down and fatally injured a rikisha puller in the early hours of the morning.

The charge against the driver was that of manslaughter, and it was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Cowper Collier, at the Criminal Sessions, the Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., prosecuting for the Crown.

The circumstances attending the death of the coolie, as outlined by Mr. Kemp, were that at 1 a.m. on January 7 the accused (Ho Chin-lun) was driving a car from east to west in the neighbourhood of the Tai Ping Theatre, West Point, when he came up with a taxi and, instead of waiting for it to draw in to the left and passing by the left hand tram track, he went out to the right hand tram track among the sea-side lines of traffic.

Mr. Kemp was proceeding to describe how the driver suddenly noticed a rikisha coming in the opposite direction and ventured the opinion that he saw it too late when Mr. Zeitlyn, (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton for the prisoner) interposed and claimed that this was not in the evidence. Mr. Kemp disagreed, and continued that the driver must have put on the brakes, the car skidded, swung round and struck the rikisha, the puller was injured and the car finished up in the sea-side gutter. The puller died in hospital from his injuries.

Evidence was given by a coolie who said he was present at the time of the accident, the police constable who arrived on the scene shortly afterwards, and an expert who gave evidence regarding the car marks.

(Case proceeding.)

UNLICENSED DRIVER.

INJURED PEDESTRIAN GETS COMPENSATION.

A Sanitary Department motor van crashed into a verandah at Kowloon City last Saturday whilst in the hands of an unlicensed driver, causing injuries to the proper driver, who was seated in the vehicle at the time, and another man who was walking on the pavement.

Both the injured men having been discharged from hospital, the case against the unlicensed driver was resumed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. At a previous hearing the accused pleaded guilty to charges of reckless driving and driving without a licence, but was remanded for the evidence of the injured men.

On the charge of reckless driving, the accused was fined \$25, or, in the alternative, one month's imprisonment, and ordered to pay \$10 compensation to the injured pedestrian, or a further 14 days' imprisonment. The Magistrate cautioned the accused on the second charge, remarking that he would in all probability be dismissed from the Government Service.

CHINA'S "WRAF."

CHINESE GIRL FLIES TO FATHER'S AID.

A Home picture paper publishes a portrait of a Miss Chu who is described as China's "Wraf" and the daughter of Mr. Chu Cheuk (Chu Cheuk-man, more commonly spelled Ju Cheuk-man), who was rescued by his daughter flying in an aeroplane to his assistance in the recent Canton upheaval.

Mr. Ju has been Director of the Canton Arsenal and Heungshan Magistrate, and is a staunch supporter of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. During the last year he has not been prominent in Canton politics.

In the coup of June, 1922, the father had to flee but it was not recorded that he did so in a plane piloted by his daughter. Neither is it recalled that she flew over Canton to effect a dramatic rescue.

TO SAVE ST. PAUL'S.

SPLENDID DONATION.

While there is talk of Hongkong's apathy regarding the St. Paul's Cathedral Fund, it is interesting to note in the Home papers that a Hongkong firm sent in the biggest amount one day early in the campaign for funds.

Messrs. John Swire and Sons (of London)—Messrs. Butterfield and Swire—have donated a sum of \$1,500 to the fund.

BRITAIN'S AIR MIGHT. BIG NATIONAL DEFENCE SCHEMES. GREATER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

When the Risk of Attack Will Be Not Worth While.

Britain is seeking to make her air defence so strong that "the risk of attack will not be worth the while."

EXPANSION SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 26. In the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, introducing the Air Estimates, said that the increased cost of £1,972,000 was mainly due to the scheme of expansion of the



Sir Samuel Hoare.

Air Force and exhaustion of war stock necessitating the purchase of new equipment.

Never had been the national defence question supported with greater unanimity by the Party leaders.

Regular squadrons for the first time were being equipped with post-war new types of machines. Fifteen out of eighteen squadrons would be so equipped by the end of the year.

Furthermore non-regular units had been introduced for the first time in military aviation.

A further experiment was the introduction of a large civilian element in the regular fighting units to carry out the less important non-flying duties.

The principle of operational unity of command had also been introduced in air defence.

THREE TO ONE.

By building up the Air Force on these lines the air defence would be so strong as to make the risk of attack not worth the while.

Sir Samuel Hoare reminded the House that our inferiority at present was one to three compared with the greatest air force in Europe, namely that of France, our old friend and ally. It would be some years before we were numerically equal to France.

He hoped that the House would appreciate that he held the balance between the necessity of expansion and the necessity of reduction of expenditure and taxation.

Sir Samuel Hoare continued by emphasising the potentiality of air power in Empire defence.

If our air power defence were made more mobile we would save many men and much money.

He gave as an instance the economy effected by the garrisoning of Iraq with an air force. This principle, he said, must be applied to airship development.

RESEARCH WORK.

As regards research he had attempted to initiate organisation in the Air Ministry to develop scientific research.

He had consulted the leading scientists regarding this and had put in the Estimates the largest sum therefor in any year since the war. (Cheers.)

The experiment of training reserve pilots and civil schools was being developed.

The number of reserve pilots would be raised to 725 in the ensuing year. He hoped that next summer a number of light aeroplane clubs would be started.

As regards civil transport, Sir Samuel Hoare emphasised the necessity of developing some long-distance route within the Empire for the purpose of demonstrating the advantage of air transport.

He was convinced that Sir Sefton Brancker's air visit to India would help in solving the present great difficulties.

One of the immediate difficulties which must be overcome was the impossibility of flying over Germany in the present international situation.

AIRSHIP SCHEMES.

As regards airships Sir Samuel Hoare said that when he return-

ed to the Air Ministry he found that commitments of several hundred thousand pounds had been undertaken under Lord Thomson's scheme, and the Air Staff was discovering the great potentialities of the airship for Home and Empire defence as a troop carrier and aeroplane carrier.

He thought it best to transform Lord Thomson's scheme by proceeding with the construction of two airships and establishing an impartial advisory committee of experts, and when the building of the airships had made definite progress, of taking up the question of developing the commercial stage of the airship line between Britain and the Dominions, operated by private enterprise, not by State enterprise.

Risks must on no account be taken. The very foundation of the problem was the problem of safety.

LABOUR CRITICISM.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late Labour Cabinet, on behalf of the Labour Party, opposed the policy contained in the Estimates, which, he said, was on the old bad, vicious and futile methods of thinking security depended on huge armaments.

Mr. Snowden quoted statistics showing that the French air pro-



Philip Snowden.

gramme was decelerating.

Capit. Wedgwood Benn (Liberal) appealed to the Government to go slow pending a definite step with regard to disarmament.

Mr. W. Greaves-Lord, K.C. (Conservative), moved an amendment demanding measures to reduce accidents.

Sir Samuel Hoare replied that the number of accidents in proportion to the time flown was decreasing.

He stated that an order had been placed by an American for a number of the Irving types of parachutes which saved lives in certain kinds of accidents.

The amendment was negatived and the motion was carried by 270 to 101 votes.

LABOUR DEFEATED.

Replying to the debate and the Labour amendment to reduce the Air Force in order to arraign the waste and futility of all armaments, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the Government was equally anxious for a reduction in armaments. The Premier had authorised him to say that the Government would take the first possible opportunity, whether by a conference or other methods, to make effective what it believed was the wish of every member of the House.

The amendment was rejected by 260 votes to 25.

The Air Estimates were agreed to.

RIGHT OF SEIZURE.

PROHIBITION AGENTS IN THE WRONG.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Newhaven, February 26. An important decision regarding the right of seizure in American waters has been given by the Circuit Court dismissing the case against the schooner Over The Top, which was seized 19 miles from land.

The judgment held that the seizure was illegal because it was outside 12 miles, whilst the prohibition agents, "themselves brought the vessel's liquor" into United States territory and declared it illegal.

BANKS LET DOWN.

BATAVIA MERCHANT ABSCONDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, February 26. The Batavia merchant Oen Kheng Kian is reported to have absconded, involving several banks to the tune of two million guilders.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

BRITISH INTERESTS FULLY SAFEGUARDED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 26. In the House of Commons, in reply to a question whether the Premier was considering taking steps to safeguard British trading interests with Russia in view of the Russo-Japanese treaty, the Foreign Under Secretary, Mr. R. MacNeill said he had nothing to add to Mr. Austen Chamberlain's reply of February 17 except to say that he saw no reason to suppose the treaty in anywise jeopardised British trade interests.

Further questioned, Mr. MacNeill said he was not aware that the Japanese market had recovered from the severest depression immediately the treaty was signed. (Last week in the House of Commons, Mr. John Beckett (Labour) asked what steps were being taken to ensure British traders enjoying equal privileges with Japanese traders in the Russian market, and whether a treaty with the Soviet Republic was being considered on the lines of the Russo-Japanese Treaty. Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied stating that he had not yet seen the full text of the Japan-Soviet Agreement. He believed that it did not contain detailed provisions for the conduct of trade. His Majesty's Government consider that the Trade Agreement of 1921 does all that is at present possible to foster Anglo-Soviet trade.)

"HURON" ASHORE.

MANILA, February 25. The flagship "Huron," of the American Asiatic Fleet, went aground in the Malampaya Sound on the island of Palawan.

There was no loss of life. The "Huron" will probably be pulled off by the navy tugs which are en route to the scene.

The "Huron" was en route to Java. FLOATED OFF.

LATER. The U.S.S. "Huron" floated at midnight, presumably under her own power. Damage is reported not to be serious. No advice has been received whether the vessel will return to Manila or proceed to Java.

CHINA STRIFE.

KAIFENG, February 26. Considerable heavy artillery moved westward from Kaifeng last night, preparatory to the impending conflict between Hu Ching-yi and Kan Yu-kun, which now seems inevitable.—Reuter.

Paris, February 26.—The Chamber has adopted the clauses of the Finance Bill, increasing the charge of supplying identity cards to foreigners from 60 to 200 francs, increasing the tax of luminous advertisements, imposing a tax on sky signs and pavement advertisements, also assurance companies, doubling the charge of admission to State museums and authorising policemen to collect fines on the spot.—Reuter.

NAVAL GRAVITY CENTRE.

SLOWLY SHIFTING TO THE FAR EAST.

GREAT EMPIRE FLEET NEEDED.

Strength of China Squadron to be Increased.

Hongkong's strategic importance will soon be greatly increased judging from the remarks of a naval writer in a Home paper.

£40,000,000 SCHEMES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 26. The naval correspondent of the "Evening Standard" says that the three naval commanders-in-chief at Singapore have significance far beyond the actual purpose of the conference.

The centre of the naval gravity of the civilised world is slowly shifting to the zones covered in their commands. All waters from the Red Sea to British Columbia are an imperial concern.

An Eastern fleet must ultimately be the joint product of Britain,

Australia, New Zealand, Canada and India, but that position cannot be attained under existing circumstances, as the capital expenditure required will not be less than £40,000,000 each.

The Home country is steadily building towards the best attainable substitute. The strength of the British squadrons in the East Indies and China will be considerably increased this year and we are building up in the East a true commerce-protecting fleet.

Early this month the cables stated that a conference of Admirals of the China, East India and Australia squadrons had been arranged to be held at Singapore within the next few weeks, with the object of exchanging views on the naval situation, according to the pre-war practice, when meetings were held annually. There was no question of formulating any policy, which was the province of the Ministers in London. Therefore the meeting was a matter of ordinary routine and had no special significance.

Earlier cables stated that besides H.M.S. Hawkins, H.M.S. Concorde, H.M.S. Adelaide, and H.M.S. Chatham, now at Port Blair, an Australian warship, either the Brisbane or the Sydney, would attend, and New Zealand might also be represented.

MALAYAN PIONEER.

MAJOR-GENERAL ANSON DEAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 26. The death is announced of General Sir Archibald Anson.

[Major General Sir Archibald Anson, K.C.M.G., was born in London in 1826. He joined the Army at an early age. He was employed in the right and left siege trains in Crimea in the bombardments of June 6 and 18, 1855. From 1858 to 1867 he was Inspector-General of Police in Mauritius, and was employed in the 1862 Mission to the King of Madagascar. He was Lieut. Governor of Penang in 1867, and Administrator of Government of the Straits Settlements in 1871-72, 1877 and 1879. He was in charge of the Expeditions in Sungle Ujong and Negi Sembilan, Malay Peninsula in 1875-76. He published a number of books, such as "About Others and Myself." His chief recreations were horticulture and carpentry.]

INDIA'S PROBLEMS.

EUROPEANS' RAILWAY PRIVILEGES.

(Reuter's Service.)

DELHI, February 26. The Council of State again turned down the unofficial Bill passed by the Lower House rejecting by 23 to 13 votes Mr. Neogy's bill abolishing the system of special railway compartments for Europeans and Anglo-Indians.

Sir Devaprasad Sarbadikari, who piloted the Bill, said he was not actuated by racial considerations and only wished to remove the obscurities of the law.

Sir Manekjee Dadabhai vigorously opposed the measure as likely to interfere with the work of the railway. The administration were justified in the reservation of compartments for Europeans on the ground of the convenience of the Indian passengers.

The Bengalee Mr. Chowdhuri provoked laughter by declaring that if the Europeans had not separate compartments violence and bloodshed would be a daily occurrence on the railways.

Mr. Chadwick, Secretary to the Raj of the Commerce Department, emphasised that the present law was flexible enough to suit the altering conditions.

New York, February 26.—That he was briefed to defend one of America's richest girls, who was arrested on two charges of exceeding the speed limit proved most fortunate for a young lawyer, David Milton, whose engagement to Abby, daughter of J. D. Rockefeller, junior, is announced by the parents. The marriage takes place in May and the couple will reside in an unpretentious apartment which has already been selected. In both Court cases Miss Abby received suspended sentences.—Reuter's American Service.

COLONIAL OFFICE.

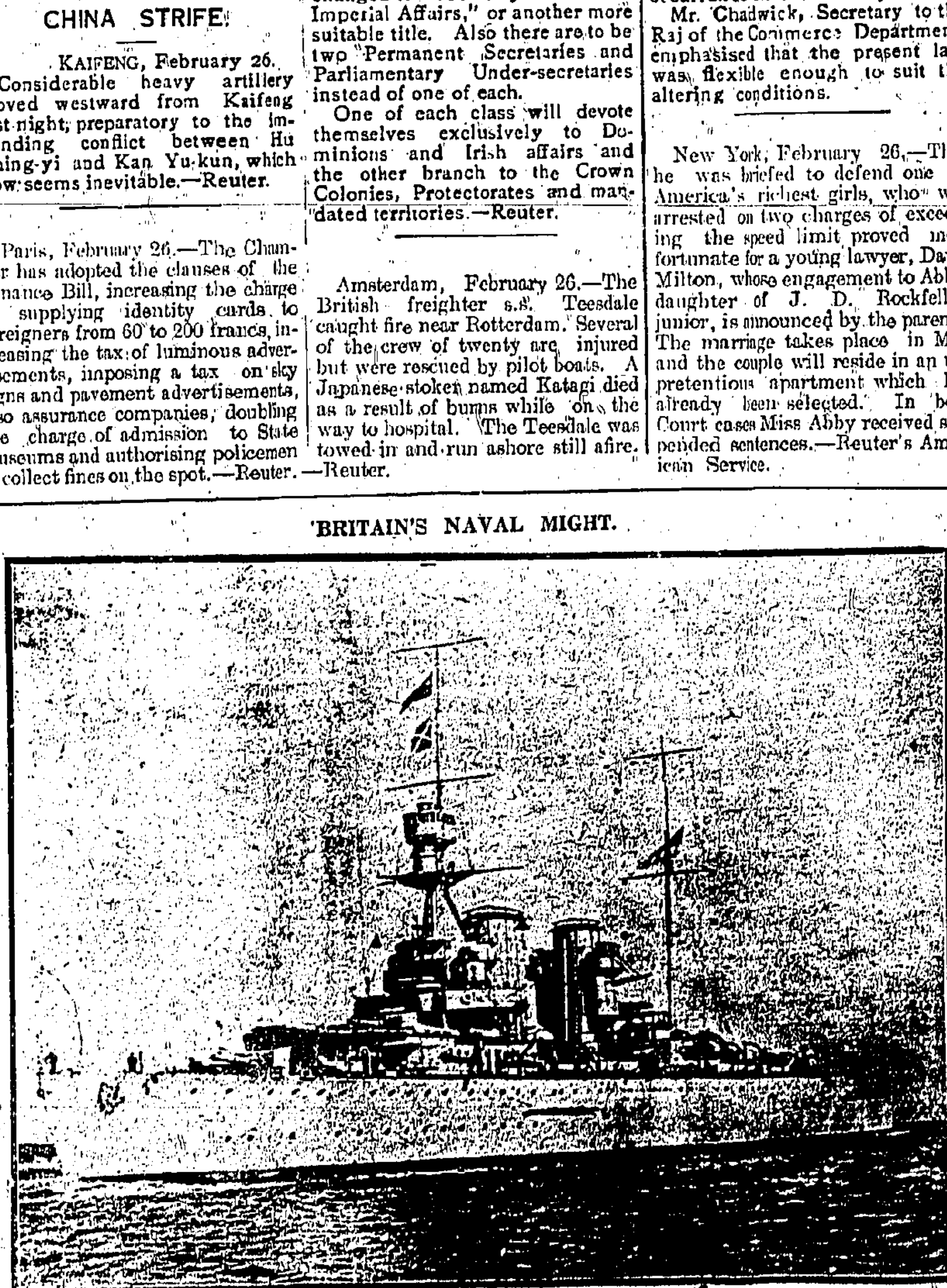
LONDON, February 26. A considerable amount of reorganisation is proceeding in the Colonial Office, the object being to better enable it to deal with the growing mass of work involved in discussing Imperial affairs with the Dominions.

A Treasury committee is considering certain changes which will involve increased expenditure. It is suggested that the designation "Colonial Secretary" should be changed to "Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs" or another more suitable title. Also there are to be two "Permanent Secretaries and Parliamentary Under-secretaries instead of one of each.

One of each class will devote themselves exclusively to Dominions and Irish affairs and the other branch to the Crown Colonies, Protectorates and mandated territories.—Reuter.

AMSTERDAM, FEBRUARY 26.—The British freighter s.s. Teesdale caught fire near Rotterdam. Several of the crew of twenty are injured but were rescued by pilot boats. A Japanese stoker named Katagi died as a result of burns while on the way to hospital. The Teesdale was towed in and run ashore still afloat.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL MIGHT.



H.M.S. "Hawkins," which is at Singapore for the conference of Admirals.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

STAMP ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council, held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon, there were present:—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.)

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Laurd, C.B., K.M.G.)

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G.)

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., O.B.E.)

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, C.B.E.)

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs)

Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works)

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolf (Captain Superintendent of Police)

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Huiyack

Hon. Mr. A. O. Long

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, (Clerk of Councils)

Absent.

Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son.

New Member.

Major-General C. C. Laurd, C.B., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding the Troops), took the oath and his seat as a member of the Council.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

Standing Law Committee.

H.E. the Governor: It is necessary, this being the first meeting of the year, to appoint the Standing Law Committee of the Council.

I propose, with their consent, to appoint the Hon. Attorney-General, the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Huiyack and the Hon. Mr. Kotewall.

Papers.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table seventeen papers, being orders and regulations made by the Governor in Council, which have been published in issues of the "Government Gazette" since the last meeting.

Finance.

The Colonial Secretary: By command of H.E. the Governor, I beg to lay on the table financial minutes No. 1 to 9, and move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Jurors' List.

The Colonial Secretary: Sir, I beg to lay on the table the Jurors' List for 1925.

H.E. the Governor said the proposed Jurors' List would be considered at the end of the proceedings of the Council.

The List was considered in camera.

Regulation Made by Chief Justice.

The Colonial Secretary: I beg to lay on the table a Regulation made by the Chief Justice under Section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871, and move that this be approved by the Council.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The regulation related to the subjects for the solicitors' final examination.

Stamp Ordinance Amendment.

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance, to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1921. This Bill proposes to make four amendments in the principal ordinance, all the amendments being of a minor character. It proposes to restore the old rule that all instruments whereby any contract is made with the Government shall be exempt from Stamp Duty. The present rule, introduced in 1921, is that only instruments on behalf of the Government are exempt from Stamp Duty; consequently the Bill provides that re-assignments and mortgages executed for the purpose of effecting the exchange of land of the Crown shall be exempt from duty, this being by way of analogy with the existing rule concerning re-assignments, and consequently new mortgages are exempt from duty. Thirdly, the Bill proposes to reduce the duty payable on transfers of property made for the purpose of effectuating the appointment of a new trustee. If these transfers of property are made on the same instrument as that on which new trustees are appointed they are covered by the single stamp duty of \$10 payable on the appointment of a trustee. But sometimes it is inconvenient to make these transfers of property in the same instrument as appoints a new trustee, and at present any such transfer made by a separate instrument is liable to Stamp Duty of \$20 on each instrument. The maximum stamp duty in Britain is 10/- on such a transfer. These transfers do not pass any beneficial interest and should not

pay so high a duty. It is proposed therefore to make \$5 the fixed duty in the case of a conveyance and the maximum duty in the case of transfers of mortgages. The Bill proposes to exempt from stamp duty receipts given for salary, wages or pensions. This follows the British Finance Act, 1924, and while it will not involve the sacrifice of much revenue it will be a great convenience. I think, because it is troublesome and inconvenient to stamp these receipts. I beg to propose the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

The Attorney-General: I beg to move the first reading of the Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873. The principal ordinance contains certain powers of search but these can only be exercised on an order of the Governor or on a warrant from a magistrate. Both these methods of procedure involve delay, and seem also to involve unnecessary expenditure of time and trouble. It is proposed, therefore, to substitute a power of search similar to that which has been inserted in the Opium Ordinance and other recent ordinances under which the Captain Superintendent of Police may authorise selected police officers to have powers of search for the purpose of this particular ordinance. That new power is contained in Section 11 which is based on a form which has been followed in the Opium Ordinance and other recent ordinances. The proposed new section 12 deals simply with the question of forfeiture and gives general powers to a magistrate to forfeit to the Crown. The new section 12 is a substitution of the old section 12 which deals both with forfeiture and search; in other words the new section 12 extracts the forfeiture provisions and enacts them in the form of the new section 11 containing all the necessary provisions in regard to search.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Advertisement Regulations.

The Attorney-General: Sir, I beg to move the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Advertisement Regulation Ordinance, 1912. The object of this Bill is to give wider power in making regulations for the control of advertisements. The present power is confined to the regulation of hoarding and similar structures used for advertising, and to regulation of advertisements in such places in such manner as affect injuriously the amenities of any public place or disfigure the natural beauties of the landscape. The proposed new power will be much wider and give the Council power to prohibit obscuring signs, for which permission will be refused. Probably that prohibition would be ultra vires of the present ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

A Bill Deferred.

The Attorney-General: I beg to propose the next item on the Orders of the Day stand over.

This was for the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871.

Bill To Incorporate Bishop.

The Attorney-General: I beg to propose the first reading of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Lord Bishop of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong. This Bill proposes to incorporate the Bishop in order to enable him to hold movable property in perpetual succession, and particularly to hold the site of St. Paul's College which is at the present vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury who has consented to the land being now vested in the Bishop of Victoria. The Ordinance follows the usual form of incorporation ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

H.E. the Governor: The Council will now proceed to consider the Jurors' List.

The Adjournment.

After the Council had considered the Jurors' List in camera, His Excellency said the Council would adjourn until next Thursday.

[The discussion on the Rents Ordinance, which was referred to a Committee of the whole Council, was reported in yesterday's "China Mail".]

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

Charitable Allowance.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,001 on account of charitable services, charitable allowance to Mr. John Lee.

Approved.

A Vote for the Laboratory.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$800 in aid of the vote Medical Department, Government laboratory, other charges, apparatus, and chemicals.

Approved.

The Chairman: This sum is required to purchase apparatus and chemicals. The Government Analyst has had an opportunity recently of investigating methods in Colombo harbour. The work is of a highly technical nature, but it is very desirable.

Approved.

A Railway Bridge.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,270 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, "Bridge 4."

The Chairman: This is a re-vote of the balance of the sum included in the 1924 estimates which was not expended.

Approved.

Motor Repair Shed.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$12,500 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, reconstructing the roof of the motor repair shed.

The Chairman: This is a re-vote for the balance of the vote of \$15,000 taken on June 15 last.

Approved.

Telephone Cable to Peak.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, Hongkong, miscellaneous, telephone cable, to the Peak.

The Chairman: This expenditure of \$6,000 was approved by the Committee in April, 1923, the proposal being that certain Government aerial telephone lines should be replaced by underground cables. The cable arrived recently and the laying of it is urgently required.

Approved.

New X-Ray Plant.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,245.26 on account of Medical Department, other charges, hospitals and asylums, new X-ray plant.

The Chairman said: This has already been approved by the Committee.

Approved.

Purchase of Queen's Gardens Property.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$291,800 in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, compensation and resumption.

The Chairman: This sum is the balance of the purchase price of the Queen's Gardens property.

Approved.

Miscellaneous Works.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, miscellaneous works Kowloon.

The Chairman: This vote for miscellaneous works at Kowloon was, unfortunately, omitted from the Estimates and as it is a general vote it is necessary to make provision. It is a curious omission and I do not know how it was omitted.

The Director of Public Works: A typist left it out in typing.

Approved.

Rent of Married Police Quarters.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$8,140 in aid of the vote Police Department, other charges, rent of married police quarters.

The Chairman: This sum of money is required for the renting of certain quarters during the construction of No. 8 Police Station and also to provide quarters for married police officers in the Eastern District where there are no quarters available. I do not know whether the Committee would like me to go through the quarters that have been rented. One block of four flats of three rooms each in Wongneichong Road occupied by married police officers in the Eastern district and not required in the Central district. The rent is \$600 a month, or \$150 a flat. There is also a new block on Praya East, near Percival Street. They are four storeys high and the rent is \$140 a month, or \$35 a floor. The top floor is to be fitted up by Government for occupation by single European police officers. There are a certain number of European sergeants returning from leave who have married while on leave, who will go into quarters in the Central district and certain rural quarters. The present summer quarters and the second set of married quarters at Tai Pingshan to which the police have no claim are occupied by married men. It is, therefore, imperative to lease further quarters and also proceed with the reconstruction of No. 8 Police Station. That is now being done. The new No. 8 Police Station will provide five sets of quarters, but they will not be ready until about the end of next year.

Hon. Mr. Long: What qualifies a police officer for married quarters? What number of years' service?

The Captain Superintendent of Police: Every full sergeant, Crown sergeant, or man of 30 years of age. The usual arrangement is that a man is allowed to marry after he goes home for the first time.

Approved.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

PUBLIC LECTURE.

MYSTIC CHRISTIANITY

COMING BACK.

At last night's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. John Russell lectured on "Theosophy and Christianity." He said in brief:—Theosophy, which is the Divine wisdom on which all the religions of the world without exception are founded, has not, and cannot have, any quarrel with any, and considering that every religion is the people's natural way for the search of God, we do not ask anyone to leave his religion for another. In coming into the Theosophical Society, a man does not leave his own religion, does not quit his own Church or religious community, is not asked to change his faith, is not asked to renounce his creed. Within the limits of the Theosophical Society we have people of every religion which is known to the world, all meeting on the platform of brotherhood of the Divine in man. That which we seek after is truth, and we do not believe that truth is confined to any religion, or to any special sect. We try to throw a light on its difficulties and to restore to any religion its original teachings which in the course of time it has lost. A very large number of the more intellectual and learned Christians have left the Churches which always complain of their lessening influence, and we cannot help thinking that there is something lacking not in religion itself but in its presentment. May it not be that in the way Christianity is put to-day, with the growing intelligence and conscience of the time, there are things which shock the conscience and outrage the intellect.

No religion can afford to leave the thoughtful and the cultured, the philosopher and the metaphysician with nothing to be said to them. The form of belief that suits the least cultivated must inevitably repel the thoughtful, the artistic, the cultured and the intellectual. In the early days Christianity had not only its little children, but also its great philosophers, its mighty doctors of Science of the Spirit, its deep conceptions for the highly cultivated, its profound mysticism for the spiritual man. It was St. Paul himself who said: "I speak wisdom unto those that are perfect."

Why should modern Christianity deny to those who can understand it, the great mysteries of Christianity? What has become of that great teaching Christ gave to his own disciples, the teaching which was not given to the outside public who came to listen to Him? He said: "To them I speak in parables, but to you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."

What has become of those inner teachings which Jesus had given "within the house" to His apostles and not to the masses outside, which made a knowledge of God possible to the human soul? Remember how Origen declared that while the Church had medicine for the sinner, it was not on sinners that the Church of Christ could be built up. He declared that what the Church needed in order that it might be strong were what he called the Gnostics. But where are the Christian Gnostics now? The Gnostic was the man who knew, meanwhile the mass of the Christian congregation were believers, and Gnostics who were their teachers and leaders. A change is now coming over Christianity. Mystic Christianity is coming back. Up and down through Christendom we find clergy and priests who are drinking at the fountain of the ancient knowledge, with the spreading of Theosophy within the Church itself. The crude literalism that Rilleth is dying, everywhere spiritual interpretations are "daringly being offered instead."

Take the great doctrine of the Atonement. It was not possible in the days of Christ—that Redeemer of God, so full of tenderest compassion, of all-embracing love—to regard God the Father whose love He revealed—as a wrathful Judge and condemner of the whole human race. It was not possible to those more spiritual Christians to regard the sacrifice of the Divine Son as a sacrifice offered to propitiate the wrath of an angry Father, but gradually, instead of a loving Father revealed by the Christ, there grew up the terrible figure of an angry God, and the Church idea of "The Wrath of God to Man." That is the title of the famous work of Anselm the Archbishop. This idea became the doctrine of Atonement in the Christian Church, and became deeply rooted as an essential teaching of Christianity, till within the bosom of the Church itself rose revolt against that doctrine, the note being struck by the Broad Church Party in England.

What view would Theosophy put forward as the true view of the Atonement? It would say that the Christ symbolises a certain stage of

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

BRIGADE TESTS A PRIVATE HYDRANT.

ONLOOKERS DISAPPOINTED.

The presence of pumping equipment from the Central Fire Station opposite the Asiatic Building yesterday was the signal for crowds to take up points of vantage on the verandahs to witness a "display." In this they were disappointed for all they were able to see after craning their necks was a small spray of water shooting from a hose on the roof of the building.

It may be explained that the Fire Brigade was there not to deal with any outbreak of fire, it simply went there at the request of the Asiatic Petroleum Company to test the private hydrant installed on the ground floor of the premises beside the lifts.

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the unfoldment of the Divine Spirit in Man, a stage at which unity is practically realised—when the Spirit in all forms knows itself as one. It would say that He whom you call the Christ, having reached the stage of utter unity with God and man alike, it became possible for Him to share with man man's weaknesses, by virtue of a perfect identity of nature. We are separated from the one from the other, but Christ has grown above all barriers through the realization of His Oneness with the Spirit in all forms, and He looks down alike on all forms, being able to pour His Spirit into them all, His purity, His love—He can help them to be what He is, by virtue of that unobstructed communion. But He not only shares His purity with them, but also shares their sin. That is the greatness of the truly spiritual man who has reached the stage of the Christ that he cannot be separated from the lowest, vilest, as there is perfect unity of the spirit in both. He makes oneness, atonement, by lifting mankind into divinity, making pure all who realize the oneness. Thus Atonement means identity of nature and not substitution. We all shall one day attain to the Christ stage, the guarantee for which lies in the command of the Christ himself: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

Take another doctrine—that of Prayer, which in its highest form is the opening up of the whole nature to higher things. It is the putting of yourself in a receptive attitude, to open up the avenues between man and God, or, to speak more accurately, the avenues between the God within you and the God without. As you concentrate Divine purity, Divine Wisdom, Divine love, those qualities reappear themselves in your nature, and awaken the divinity within you, sleeping in the innermost of your being.

Theosophy has also something to say about the Doctrine of Reincarnation being a part of the Christian heritage. It is not a doctrine to be taken from Hindu or Buddhist, not a doctrine to be borrowed from Greek, Roman or Egyptian, but a doctrine to be found in the teachings of early Christianity, as a part of the faith once delivered to the Saint. True, it fell out of the great part of the Church; and with it came all the teachings against which the modern conscience revolts. Though Reincarnation shall and heaven become exactly what they used to be—temporary conditions, and so they become rational instead of irrational. By bringing back to Christendom its doctrine of reincarnation, we destroy everlasting hell and the everlasting heaven, and give back to human life that strength and that dignity which come out of the knowledge of an eternal state.

What we call the law of cause and effect, is put very well by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Galatians: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap." If a man wants happiness he must sow happiness, if he wants to reap purity he must sow pure thoughts, pure words, pure deeds; if he wants to reap nobility he must sow noble thoughts. We Theosophists only desire to deepen and re-establish knowledge, to give you back your own, to widen thought, to make spirituality more real, so that obstacles to the spreading of the spirit of the Christ may disappear and those who, under many names, and in many religions, worship the spirit of Truth and Love, may be seen as brothers and not heathen, who are in truth the children of God and share in the worship of the Cosmic Christ.

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W. Shen—Colonial Dispensary, Queen's Road Central	12290
H. J. White—Hongkong Hotel	11820
Miss M. Kent—Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	11820
G. V. Hughes—W. R. Loxley & Co.	10975
S. James Silva—Government House	10190
C. H. Lyson—Lyson & Hall, Solicitors, Bank of China Bldg.	10020
Mrs. C. J. Roe—2, Observatory Villas	9790
Exma Dr. Olga da Roza—Roza Bros.	9280
Teddy Hyndman—Kowloon Docks	9200
R. A. Cooper—N. Lazarus Opticians, 12, Queen's Road C.	9050
Miss V. Capell—Torres Building, Kowloon	8940
D. Hillier—Harbour Office	8770
Fred V. Wong—333, Nathan Road, Kowloon	8660
L. E. S. Hodges—80, Duddell Street	8500
Mrs. Clarke Atkinson—Kowloon Docks	8500
F. A. Loureiro—Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	8375
T. S. Wan—20, Caine Road	8150
Dr. Wan Yik Shing—12, D'Agular Street	8000
C. F. Vas—Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd.	7800
M. Manuk—Dairy Farm	7585
Mrs. N. O'Sullivan—c/o Deacons	7025
Miss Alicia Gutierrez—37, Ashley Road, Kowloon	6996
Miss Rosy Lau—59, Caine Road	6750
Ellis M. Joseph—Odell & Behar	6740
Miss S. V. Shirazee—Government Civil Hospital	6500
Miss Meadows—Public Works Departments	6450
Mrs. Deacon—21, Broadwood Road	6400
D. Trafford—Diocesan Boys' School, Bonham Road	6400
Mrs. Bevin—Leighton Hill Road	6280
Miss Suffad—4, Moreton Terrace, Causeway Bay	6210
Dunstan Prestage—6, Gresson Street, Wanchai	6150
Beatrice Souza—Mac's Cafeteria	6150
Mrs. A. M. G. Stark—c/o Harry Wicking & Co.	6150
Miss Christina Gutierrez—39, Bonham Road	6100
Miss H. R. Hunt—30, Bonham Road	6050
Mrs. S. Perry—7, The Peak	6020
A. P. F. Prew—University of Hongkong	5900
Miss N. McEwen—Lays Lodge, Kowloon	5890
E. Cordeiro—Noronha & Co.	5850
Lai Yim—Hongkong Hotel	5850
Miss Mabel Gittins—Union Trading Co., Prince's Building	5750
Mrs. Raiton—33, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon	5750
Miss B. Hirst—3, West View, Kowloon	5700
C. A. Franco—Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	5700
Miss Everdine Cruz—c/o China & Japan Telephone Co.	5700
E. Mattos—Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	5650
Miss Mollie Churn—Diocesan Girls' School	5650
Miss Florence She—41, Seymour Terrace	5550
Miss Kathleen Grose—55, Conduit Road	5470
Peter Silva—1, Austin Avenue, Kowloon	5465
Miss Violet Chan—Government Civil Hospital	5400
Miss A. Ismail—c/o Wah Yan English School	5400
Miss Hazeland—10, Queen's Gardens	5400
L. Costa—Standard Oil Co. of N.Y., Union Buildings	5400
E. Ezra—D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	5400
H. R. Landolt—11, Orient Building	5400
Henry Lau—90, Chancery Lane	5350
Dr. Eugene L. de Sousa—St. John's Hall University	5350
W. Sousa—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street	5300
H. J. Silva—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.	5300
Miss Ena Alves—6, Carnarvon Building	5250
Miss Alice Lee—37, Robinson Road	5250
Miss C. Botelho—Peninsula Store, Basement K'loon Store	5200
Mrs. Normington—Whitfield, Causeway Bay	5200
Mrs. Harris Walker—Basileia, Lytleton Road	5200
Dr. K. S. Cheah—54, Morrison Hill Road	5200
T. Braga—37, Robinson Road	5200
T. Ramsay—W. S. Bailey & Co., Kowloon	5175
U. Gonella—33, Queen's Road C.	5150
Miss Mercedes Rosario—12, Austin Avenue, Kowloon	5150
Miss Evelyn Castro—21, Caine Road	5150
Miss Carvalho—Doddwell & Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Road	5100
Miss Ivy Musso—29, Morrison Road	5100
Mrs. T. S. Tse—25, Man Chung Fong, Happy Valley	5100
Miss Sousa—Lyemun Villas, Kowloon	5100
P. O. Peuster—J. Manners Co., Ltd., 7, Queen's Road	5100
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Augusto Barros—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	5050
Miss Maria A. Yung—11a, Caine Road	5040
Miss Bella Pestonji—11, Humphrey's Bldg., Kowloon	5040

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Miss Julia Wong—30, Caine Road	5020
G. E. Ellams—7, Pratt Building	5000
N. M. Currie—Davies Boag Co., Ltd., 4a, Des Vaux Road	5000
Carlos Marques—Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd.	5000
J. L. Litton—Benjamin & Potts, 11, Queen's Road Central	5000
L. G. Rozario—Pacific Mail S.S. Co., Queen's Building	5000
Mrs. A. J. Martin—Nathan House, Kowloon	5000
Mrs. H. M. Spill—Java Line	5000
Mrs. Parsons—2, Broadwood Terrace	5000
Mrs. M. O'Sullivan—c/o Deacons, Prince's Building	5000
Mr. Herbert Gene Lee—20, Robinson Road	5000
Miss Nadia Franco—8, Tung Hing Road, Kowloon	5000
Mrs. C. W. Olson—13, Broadwood Road	5000
H. N. M. Hoogah—69, Queen's Road Central	5000
Marcus A. Carvalho—c/o Messrs. Botelho Bros.	5000
Miss Elizabeth B. Solomon—22, Pilkin Street, Kowloon	5000
Frederick Franco—172, Wanchai Road	5000
S. Winny—1, Upper Albert Road	5000
Bro. Augustus—St. Joseph's College	5000
James Wong—Bank of East Asia	5000
Mrs. D. Barrett—7, Wild Dell Building	5000
Miss S. K. Tao—Hongkong University	5000
Leo d'Almeida—Castro—Fauling	5000
A. N. B. Carr—E. E. Telegraph Co.	5000
Miss H. Soares—H. Alves & Co.	5000
William Kwong—c/o Mackenzie Mackinnon	5000
Daniel Lui—5, Beaconsfield Arcade	5000
B. M. Talati—18, Ice House Street	5000
C. P. Pintos—Holland China Trading Co.	5000
Miss Rosy Lim—2, Stowford, Bonham Road	5000
S. A. Ismail—c/o Odell & Behar	5000
C. M. Hazeland—A. P. Building	5000
Miss Cissy Xavier—3, Humphreys Avenue	5000
Rev. Bro. Cassian—St. Joseph's College	5000
Frank Colaco—c/o Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	5000
J. Duguid—Colonial Dispensary	5000
Miss G. E. Tyson—39, Conduit Road	5000
D. Rutledge—Rutledge & Sons	5000
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J. F. Shea—Lapack & Co.	5000
Miss Mae Dillan—Diocesan Boys' School, Bonham Road	5000
Manuel Augusto Simoes—Standard Oil Co.	5000
C. L. Chung—24, Ice House Street	5000
W. H. Young—P.O. Box 507	5000
Miss Chan King Sim—60a, Bonham Road	5000
Kathleen Am—Sanitary Dept., Happy Valley	5000
Mrs. T. C. Wong—1, Prospect Place	5000
Miss Carmen Vaz—4, Mosque Street	5000
Miss Hiptoola—Hongkong University	5000
F. de La Cruz—American Quarantine Office	5000
Miss Unice Samy—Bonham Road	5000
H. R. Capell—c/o A. S. Watson & Co.	5000
Miss B. Steel—83, Broadwood Terrace	5000
Stanley Patrick She—Sec. Chinese Chamber of Commerce	5000
F. M. Silva—c/o The P. & O. Bank	5000
E. M. Silva—311, Nathan Road, Kowloon	5000
Peter Rozario—12, Austin Avenue, Kowloon	5000
Brazito Vulto—Alves—Hughes & Hough	5000
Miss Natali Alves—3, Duddell Street	5000
Miss Chang Ying—1, St. Stephen's Lane	5000
Jimmie Howell—Kowloon Docks	5000
K. Y. Leung—48, Elgin Street	5000
Syed Latif Hussien—c/o Haroon Adams & Co.	5000
O. Roza—Roza Bros. Exchange Brokers	5000
R. C. Pass—Douglas S.S. Co.	5000
Miss Maude White—14, Orient Buildings, Kowloon	5000
T. Silva—China Underwriters	5000
Harry Greenwood—7, Pratt Building	5000
Thomas James Rew—Mercantile Bank	5000
Wm. J. Burling—Dunbar House, Cameron Road, Kowloon	5000
J. G. dos Remedios—Hongkong Bank	5000
Leonard Silva—1, Austin Avenue, Kowloon	5000
Charlie Figueiredo—7, Hankow Road, Kowloon	5000
Jose M. Fonseca—Standard Oil Co.	5000
Luiz Gonzaga dos Remedios—Standard Oil Co.	5000
G. F. Gardner—Messrs. Bradley & Co., Prince's Bldg.	5000
H. J. Hunter—Messrs. Bradley & Co., Prince's Bldg.	5000
K. S. Morrison—Messrs. Bradley & Co., Prince's Bldg.	5000
Mrs. Chan Che Cheuk—50, Bonham Road	5000
R. Silva—Hon. Sec., E.O.A.C. Club, Kowloon	5000
Miss Helen Lam—Coronation Road, Mongkok, Kowloon	5000
Lo Lai Po—c/o Wang Hing Jeweller, Queen's Road C.	5000
Miss Leonora Gomes—c/o Jardine, Matheson, Pedder St.	5000
Miss Lolita Rocha—100b, Wanchai Road	5000
J. N. Menta—King Edward Hotel	5000
T. M. Cheung—40, Wellington Street	5000
Miss Luk Man King—6, West Terrace, Caine Road	5000
Miss Patricia Remedios—17, Castle Road	5000
S. John Moler—4, Wood Road	5000
Ma Wing Chung—c/o Nanyang Tob. Bros., Des Vaux Rd.	5000
Miss Mimi Noronha—31, Yick Kee Building	5000
Miss E. Rose—311, Nathan Road, Kowloon	5000
Miss F. Fathallah—Austin Road, Kowloon	5000
Monsieur Fung Cheue—20, Robinson Road	5000
Miss Eileen Leonard—Italian Convent	5000
Mr. A. N. Lacey—Hongkong Electric Co.	5000

UNION CHURCH.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

On Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Church was held in the Church Hall, Kennedy Road, the chair being taken by Mr. J. L. Macpherson. The proceedings began with a social gathering at which refreshments were served, after which the chairman presented the report and accounts for adoption.

The report stated that financially the church was in a very sound position. The three quarters' contribution fund would again prove its utility in the coming year by relieving the financial funds of the burden of funeral expenses.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macpherson was proceeding on leave, and arrangements were being made to fill the pulpit with the assistance of ministers from Manila and Canton.

With the aid of the Rev. J. H. Johnston of Kowloon, it was thought that the vital work of the church would be covered. Members of the church were asked to do all they could to assist during the absence of the pastor.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

A STOCKHOLDERS CONFERENCE. It was announced during the meeting that the Universal Christian Conference of Life and Work was being held this summer at Stockholm and practically the whole of the Protestant churches of the world would be represented under the joint presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Upsala, the Patriarch of Constantinople and the Rev. A. J. Brown of New York. There would be 500 delegates the guests of the Swedish Government and 150 of the delegates would be from the British Empire.

"Hongkong" was entitled to one representative and at the suggestion of the Bishop of Victoria the Rev. J. Kirk Macpherson would attend to represent the Protestant churches of the Colony.

The Rev. J. K. Macpherson expressed his willingness to go and the meeting cordially asked him to represent them.

NEW OFFICERS. Officers of the church for the coming year were elected as follows: Committee of management, Messrs. J. L. Macpherson, G. Gerrard, A. T. Hamilton, M. F. Key, A. J. Lamb, J. Mitchell, G. M. Shaw, O. Skinner, W. W. Mackenzie, Mrs. Hickling and Mrs. J. B. Ross.

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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

TO-MORROW'S CUP TEAMS.

(By "Dutchie.")

The following is the programme for to-morrow—

LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
Kowloon v. China "A." Kowloon ground.
St. Joseph's "A." v. China "B." Chinese ground.
University v. St. Joseph's "B." Navy "A." ground.
Drums v. Recreo "B." Sookun-poo ground.
Surreys v. Recreo "A." Club ground.

Kick-off, 2.45 p.m. sharp.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP.

England v. China, Club ground. Kick-off, 4.15 p.m. sharp.

The Second Division game between the Club Reserve and Seared Heart has been postponed, as some of the Club players have gone to Canton to play in a representative game there.

The game, Surreys Reserve v. Recreo "A.", has been transferred from St. Joseph's to the Club ground.

The game that will attract the crowd will be that between England and China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup Competition.

England on this occasion have a stronger team than that which met Scotland on Boxing Day. China will also have a strong team out, and a very even game should ensue. To win this Cup it will be necessary for the Chinese to beat their opponents to-morrow and also the Scottish team whom they meet next.

The following are the teams:—England:—Wai-shi; Wheeler, and Wynne; Petter, Mitchell and Watson; Harris, Jones, Humberstone, Butler and Simpson.

Reserves:—Cooper, Cavelle, Johnson and Macklesworth.

Chinese:—Hu Shing-ju; Cheung Wing-shing and Chan So; Pang Chang-ying, Wong Shiu-wa and Leung Yuk-tong; Ng Kam-chuen, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-chong, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ying.

Reserves: Cheung Kam-chuen and Choi Ping-fan.

The tit-bit in the Second Division games will be that between the Surreys Reserve and Recreo "A." On the result will depend the League Championship for this season. Both teams have lost a game and although the Recreo's lead in the League table they do so only because they are a game in hand of their opponents for to-morrow. The last time these teams met the result was a goalless draw. Recreo's will start favourites and providing they play their usual game they should win.

In the other games, Kowloon, St. Joseph's "A." and the Drums look likely winners. St. Joseph's "B." may snatch two points from the University if the latter fail to turn out at full strength.

Next week one of the semi-finals in each Division of the Shield Competition will be played.

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon League match v. South China "A." on the Kowloon ground.

Kick-off, 2.45 p.m. sharp:—C. Stewart; W. H. Brown, D. Urquhart; A. W. Brown (Captain); C. Latham, S. Randle; C. Morris; A. Fitzgerald; Reserves: W. H. Farratt, B. Vickers, and V. Hast.

The following will represent Club de Recreo "A." in their 2nd Division League match with East Surreys on the Hongkong Football Club ground.

Kick-off, 2.45 p.m. sharp:—M. M. Silva, P. M. Xavier, W. C. Ogley (Captain), C. A. d'Assumpcao, A. dos Remedios, H. C. Remedios, D. Xavier, A. Fuenes, A. Gosano, L. A. da Rocha, A. J. Brown.

Reserves: J. M. Silva and S. A. Marcal.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The annual football match between Queen's College and the Q.C.O.B.A. will be played to-morrow on the College ground at Causeway Bay. Kick-off, 3.30 p.m.

The teams are as follows:—Queen's College—Li Ping-tong (Captain); Cheong Fook-ku; Cheung Hung-fook; Lai Sze-chiu; Lam Shing-chow; Lau Kwok-yui; Li Woon-ting; Ng Hing-wah; Ng Hon-hing and Wan Yung-kong.

The Q.C.O.B.A. team will be selected from the following players:—Ip Kau-ko (Captain); (Captain), F. M. el-Arculi, Chau

Hau-lung, Y. Hachuma, Ip Kwan, S. A. Ismail, Kwok Po-kan, Li Kam-hay, Li Siu-lun, Lo Fung-cheung, Ng Kam-chuen, Tsoi Ping-sum, and Yik Chan-pong.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The following are the provisional fixtures for to-morrow:—

LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
Hongkong C.C. v. Navy on the H.K.C.C. ground.

University v. Civil Service C.C. on the University ground.

Chinese R. C. v. Royal Artillery on the Causeway Bay ground.

FRIENDLY GAMES.
Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C. on the C.C.C. ground.

Kowloon C.C. v. H.K.V.D.C. on the Kowloon ground.

Civil Service C.C. "A" v. Kowloon C.C. II on the C.S.C.C. ground.

C.S.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

C.S.C.C.—E. W. Hamilton (Captain), G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, B. D. Evans, E. C. Fincher, F. F. Lawrence, E. B. Read, H. G. Wallington, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman and F. J. Ling.

Reserve: A. R. Sutherland.

University—H. N. Balhatchet (Captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, Prof. F. A. Redmond, A. S. Hett, A. A. Rumjahn, T. E. Yeoh, T. O. Yeow, J. L. Youngs, A. P. Ng.

C.S.C.C. "A" v. K.C.C. II.

The following have been selected to play for the Civil Service C.C.—J. H. B. Nihill (Captain), F. H. Harper, T. D. E. Pendered, F. L. Squibbs, C. Alexander, A. W. Grimmett, C. H. Beardsall, C. Sarr, R. Smith, W. Cullip and H. Strange.

Reserve: G. H. Hallam.

Kowloon:—B. Petheram (Captain), L. A. R. Duncan, A. J. Kew, W. F. J. Long, G. R. Renton, A. G. Pile, C. J. Tachi, J. Smith and H. Overy.

K.C.C. v. H.K.V.D.C.

The following will represent the Volunteers.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. More, E. F. Stewart, H. R. Hollands, J. A. H. Plummer, L. D. McNicoll, C. R. Vallack, W. H. Edmonds, M. M. Watson and H. M. Howell.

Kowloon:—J. C. Fletcher (Captain), J. Goodwin, J. C. Lyal, A. W. Ramsey, Geo. Lee, S. Jex, A. R. F. Raven, K. Macaskill, R. C. Wicheh, W. A. J. Taylor and S. E. Green.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on March 14, and not March 7, as previously advertised.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall will perform the opening ceremony of the Sacred Heart English School's new premises (St. Joseph's Villa) tomorrow (Saturday) at 9.30 p.m.

The Harbin Municipal Council, at its session on February 3, passed unanimously the grant of \$ Yen 17,500 for the Japanese primary school there, in addition to the contribution of \$ Yen 3,200 towards founding and keeping up a Japanese kindergarten.

The retrial of Peter Sala, a Pole, who was sentenced in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, early this month to two years' imprisonment for counterfeiting, commenced in the Mixed Court on February 19 before American Assessor Jacobs and Magistrate Kwan. Mr. A. N. Fishman appeared for Sala. The case was adjourned for three weeks.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, on an umbrella maker of No. 333 Shanghai Street, for being in unlawful possession of 50 pieces of 20-cent Hongkong coins and 22 pieces of 10-cent coins. Previously, the charge read 50 and 22 pieces of the respective coins, but this being a mistake of the clerk in copying the charge the quantity was accordingly amended.

Three cases of persons being bitten by dogs were reported to the police on Wednesday. In the first case, already reported in the "China Mail," Mr. T. W. Twiblow, Supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department at Naganishawan, was attacked. In the second instance, a Japanese, Mr. Takemichi, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mrs. Tsutsumi, of No. 15 Conduit Road; whilst in the third case, a coolie was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment of a bite inflicted by a dog belonging to Mr. J. P. Azevedo, of No. 11 Mosque Junction.

No notifiable disease was reported in the Colony on Wednesday.

The "Canton Gazette" anticipates that telegraphic service between Hongkong and Canton will be resumed in a few days.

The Canton Postal Commissioner advises that a limited quantity of 4-cent postage stamps has been surcharged as 3 cents to meet immediate use.

Near Junction Canal on the Hongkong-Winchow run, the s.s. A'o Pi (Captain Webster) has gone aground. Details are not yet available.

Through the breaking of her tail shaft, the Hongkong-Winchow steamer Kock Ning is lying at anchor near Whangmoon awaiting a tow back to Hongkong.

When leaving Shanghai by the narrow channel on Wednesday afternoon, the s.s. Tai Ming (Captain R. Spink) collided with a cargo junk, which crossed her bows very closely. The junk sank, and all three of her crew have been accounted for.

On Sunday, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. will send the s.s. Sui An on a special excursion to Macao, leaving Hongkong at 9 a.m. and returning from Macao at 6 p.m. At 4 p.m. the Procession of the Cross will be held at Macao.

On Saturday night, the "Tong On S. S. Co." s.s. Sui On will not leave Hongkong for Canton as she will go into dry dock at Taikeo for her semi-annual repainting of boilers and bottom painting. On Monday night next, she resumes her usual run.

The Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, consisting of the No. 5 (Taikeo), No. 6 (Kowloon) and No. 7 (City) Platoons, together with the Scottish Reserves, assembled at the Star Ferry Pier, Kowloon, at 5.30 yesterday afternoon and marched to Kowloon Rocks. The hearing of the Company was soldier-like and was favourably commented upon by all who witnessed the march.

In a fashion note in the "Sunday Herald" (London) it is said that one finds all manner of curious little Chinese motifs appearing on smart frocks. Sometimes it is lettering, sometimes a sampan complete with boatman, sometimes a landscape—the subjects matters very little so long as the treatment is Chinese.

On three recent occasions, states the London Evening News, the broadcasting from 2LO, the London station, has been heard in British North Borneo, about 10,000 miles away. Music and a speech, dance bands, and the striking of Big Ben were the items picked up. The listener-in was Mr. C. F. N. Wade, superintendent of telegraphs at Jesselton.

The newspaper Russia states that the Union of Russian Traders and Pedlars has reported that two more of their number, who left Shanghai for Nanking early in January, are missing, nothing having been heard of them by letter or otherwise since their departure. This makes a dozen now on the missing list. Poil play is suspected by the Russians.

Submarine K26, of the First Submarine Flotilla, the vessel which last year made the independent cruise to Singapore and back, and which has since been refitting in Portsmouth Dockyard, was completed on January 30. Since her return to England, Commander G. P. Thompson, O.B.E., has been succeeded in command by Commander A. B. Lockhart, D.S.C.

A Chinese problem, complete with Chinese witnesses, Chinese documents, a solicitor who could speak Chinese, and a Chinaman's wife who speaks with a Welsh accent, came before Mr. Justice Finlay in the Law Courts, London, on January 26 for solution. It concerned a laundry at Gloucester, which Ham Hong, of Hongkong, who had given power of attorney in Britain to Hung Mink Mac—had sold to Chin Woo Hop. A balance of £257 of the purchase price of the laundry was claimed, and the claim was granted.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. B. Park, assistant manager of the American-Oriental Bank of Fukien at Fenchow, is spending a few days in Shanghai.

The Rev. William L. Watkinson, Wesleyan Minister, editor, and author died at home on February 15, aged 86.

A serious movement against Mr. Ma Shu-lun, the Vice-Minister of Education, in charge of the Ministry, is on foot in twelve Hainan universities. The teachers of the colleges have arrived at a resolution in a series of conferences held during the past few days to make public the "crimes" of the minister, and to send a petition to the Provincial Government asking for his punishment.

Passengers by the s.s. "President McKinley," which left at 1 a.m. this morning, included Mr. J. H. Taggart, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, for Shanghai; Mr. O. W. Birch, Assistant Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Hongkong, for San Francisco; and thence to Australia, accompanied by Mrs. Birch. Mr. W. Stanley Allen, of the Fisher Flour Mills, returning to the United States after a tour of the Orient.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Air Force Association in Shanghai it was decided to hold the sixth annual reunion dinner at the Shanghai Club on Saturday, March 14. Major W. R. McBain was elected President and Mr. J. E. L. Hunter Vice-president, both being unanimous choices. The following were elected to the Committee:—Capt. V. J. B. Holland (Chairman), J. C. Dyson, E. P. Hicks, F. Scarborough and R. N. Swann (secretary).

Captain Cyril T. Williams, C.B.E., who has retired from the East Surrey Regiment, taking a gratuity, has been given the rank of major, which he temporarily held during part of the late war. He was latterly with the 1st Battalion at Hongkong. Major Williams was commissioned as a temporary officer in October, 1914, in the 10th Service Battalion of the East Surreys, in which he became a captain in 1915. After the war he went to South Russia with the British troops employed there, 1919-20, and more recently he was with the West African Frontier Force.

Gen. Wu Kuang-hsin, Minister of War, expected to leave Nanking for the north on February 16.

The Hunkow St. Andrew's Society wired to Sir Harry Lauder at Hongkong asking him if he could not include Hunkow in his visit to the East. A reply was received stating that Sir Harry was quite unable to avail himself of Hunkow's invitation.

Mr. Toru Takao, Councillor of the Tokyo Foreign Office, arrived in Shanghai on February 19, on board the N.Y.K. "Kino Maru" and was expected to proceed to Canton, via Hongkong, on February 21 by the same liner with a view to inspecting conditions in South China.

Chinese authorities at Hunkow have already formed the committee of a municipal council for the government of the ex-Russian Concession. The executive committee thus elected is composed of Messrs. Chuan Chun-chow, Li Shiao-ping, and Chow Shiao-tang, with Dr. Li N. Chang as chief secretary. No foreigners are mentioned as participating in the council.

The Young General (Chang Hsiao-liang) has left Tientsin for Mukden at his father's request. He will probably visit Tientsin and Shanghai in the near future. Evidently he cannot resist the lure of Shanghai, where besides enjoying himself hugely, he won large sums at mah-jongg from local magnates.

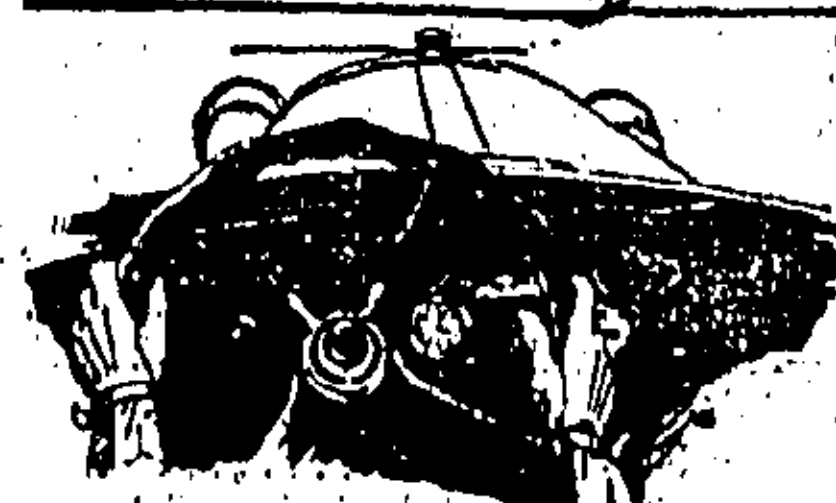
Sir Gullford Molesworth, the eminent engineer, died at Manor House, Bexley, on January 21, at the great age of 96. His name is familiar to every member of the engineering profession, if in no other way, through his "Pocket-book of Engineering Formulae."

Molesworth was a man of extraordinary physical vigour. He saw service in the field in the Afghan and the Burma campaigns, was President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1904, in the War spent nearly five months as a skilled mechanic on munitions work, was an enthusiastic Volunteer, and in 1885 drew up proposals for the establishment of an Engineer Volunteer Corps for India. He had been to Siam on arbitration work for the Government, while in 1900 he was a member of the Royal Commission on Railway Accidents. He was instrumental in securing the introduction of the decimal system of coinage in Ceylon.

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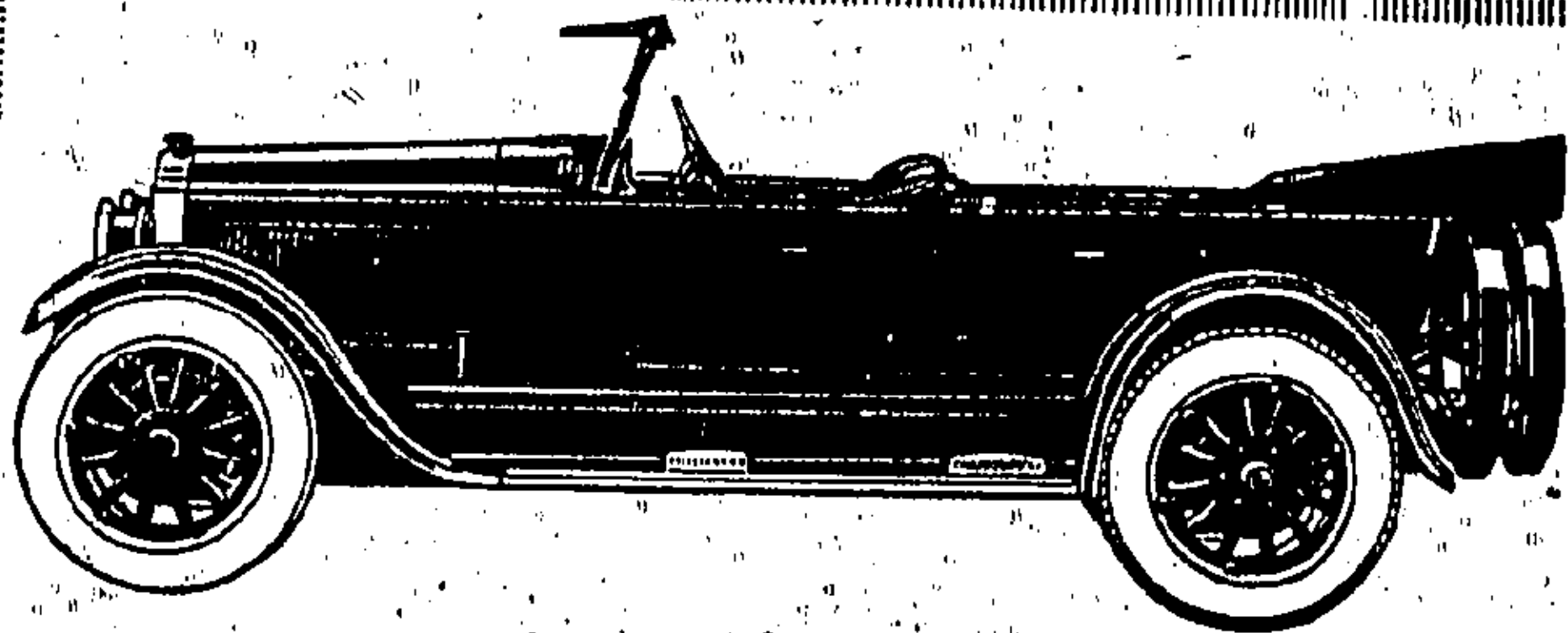
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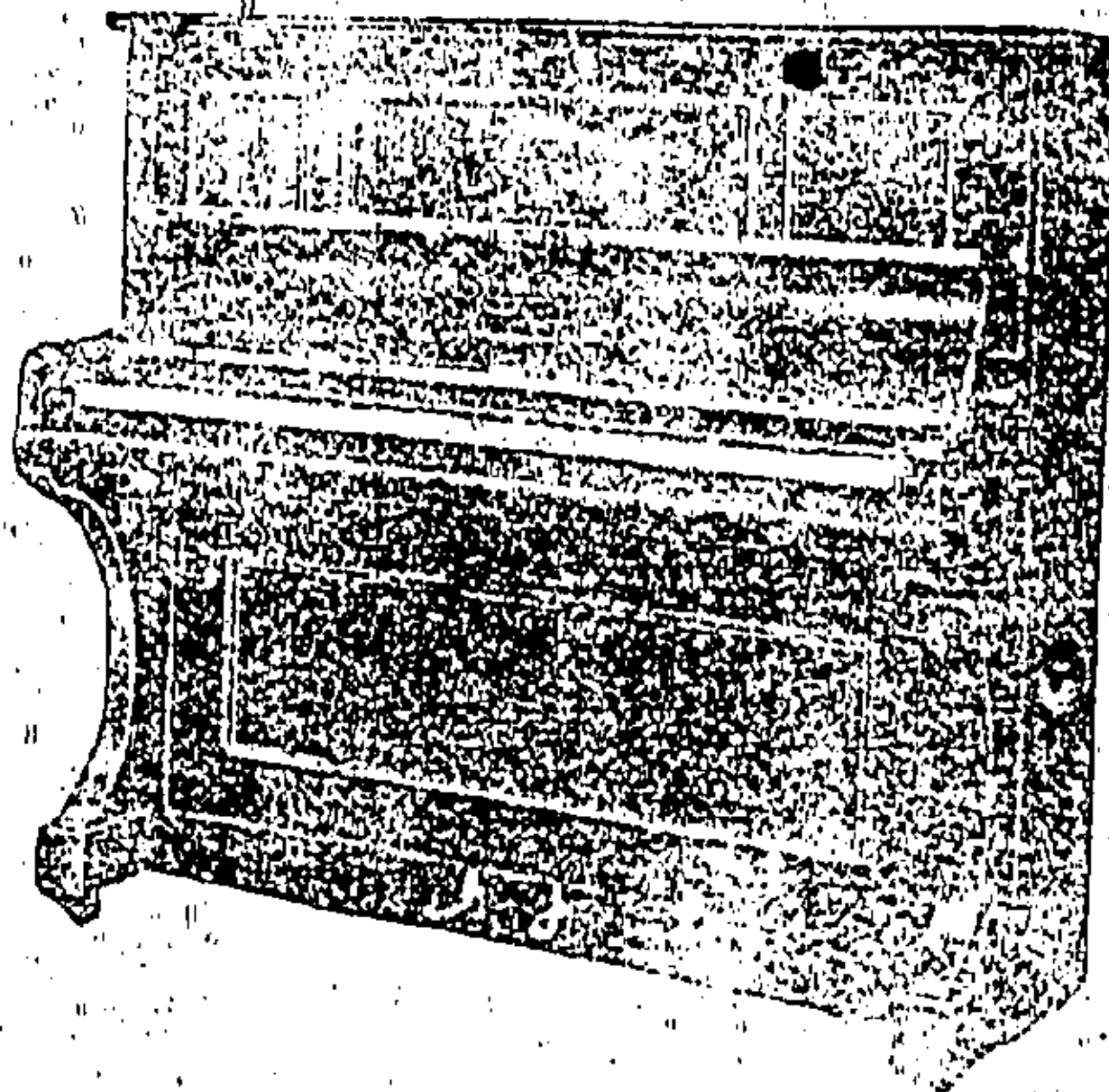
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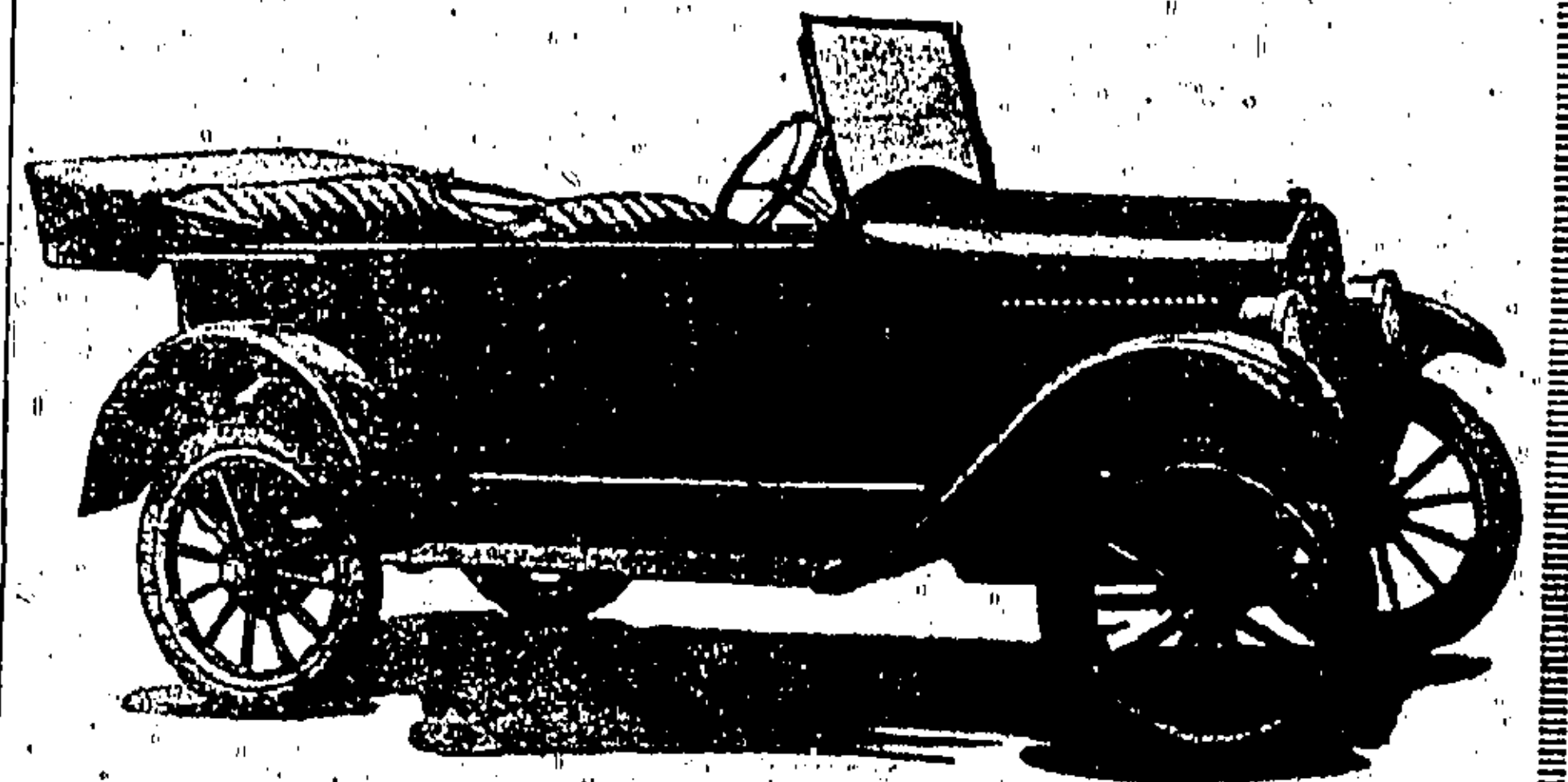
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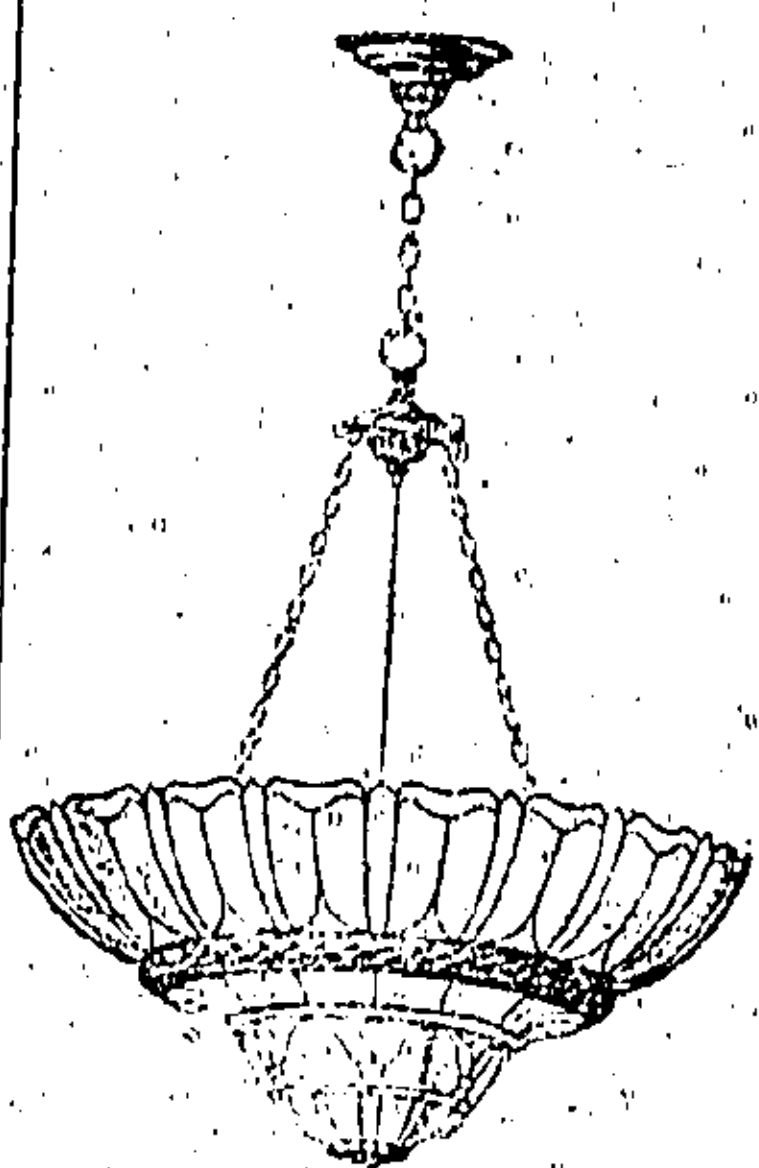
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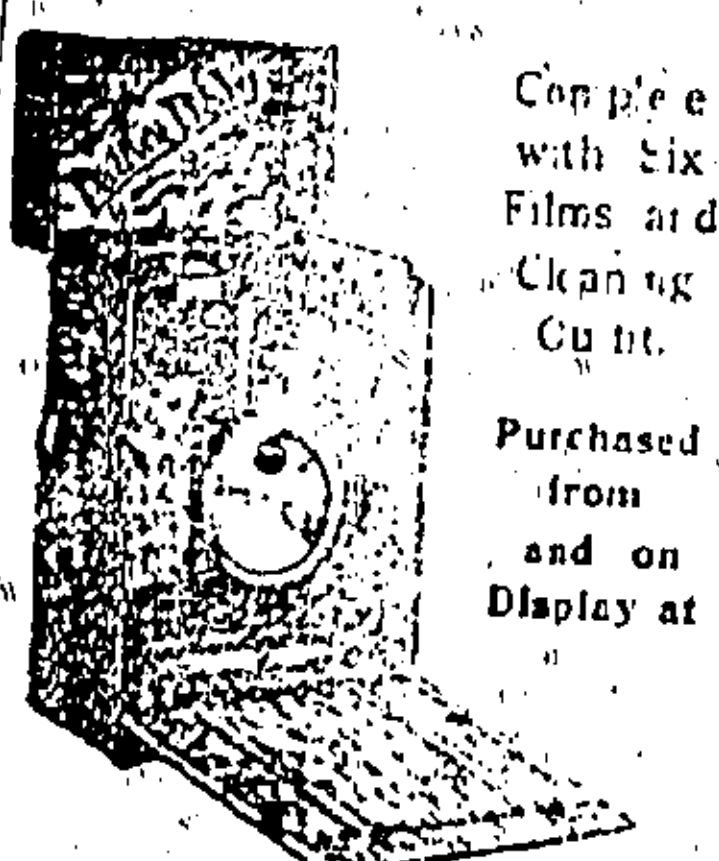
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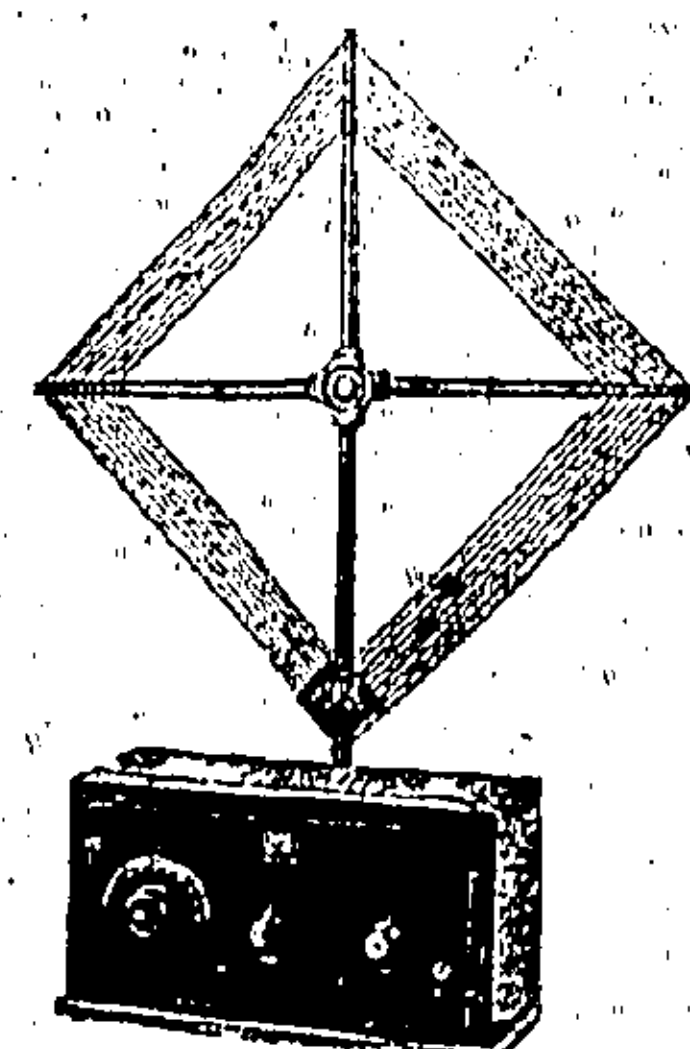
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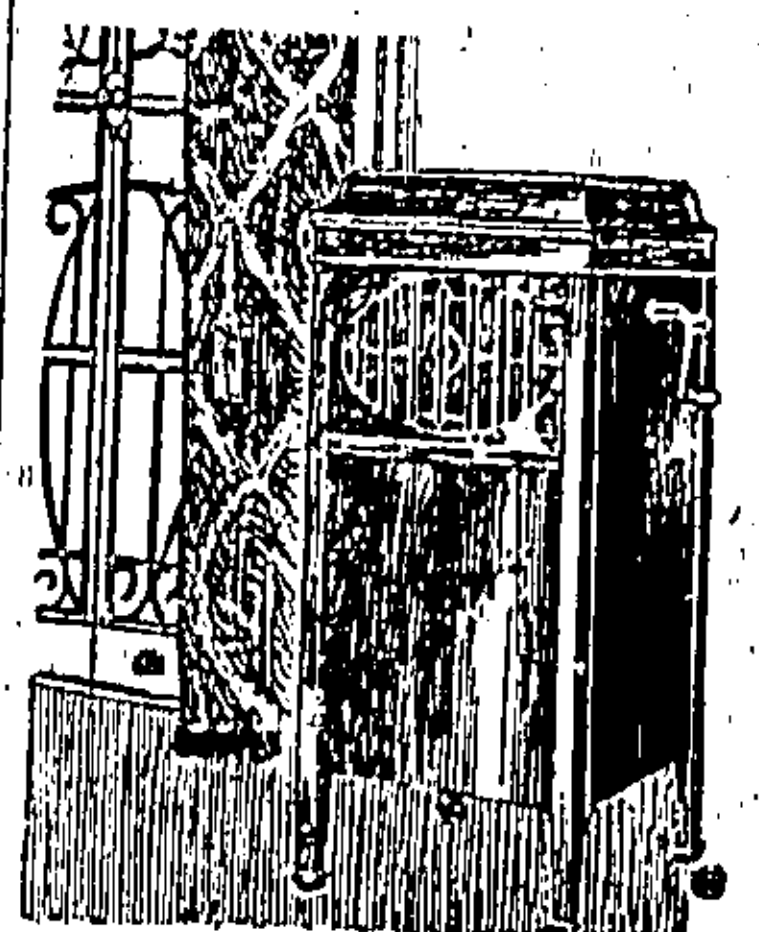
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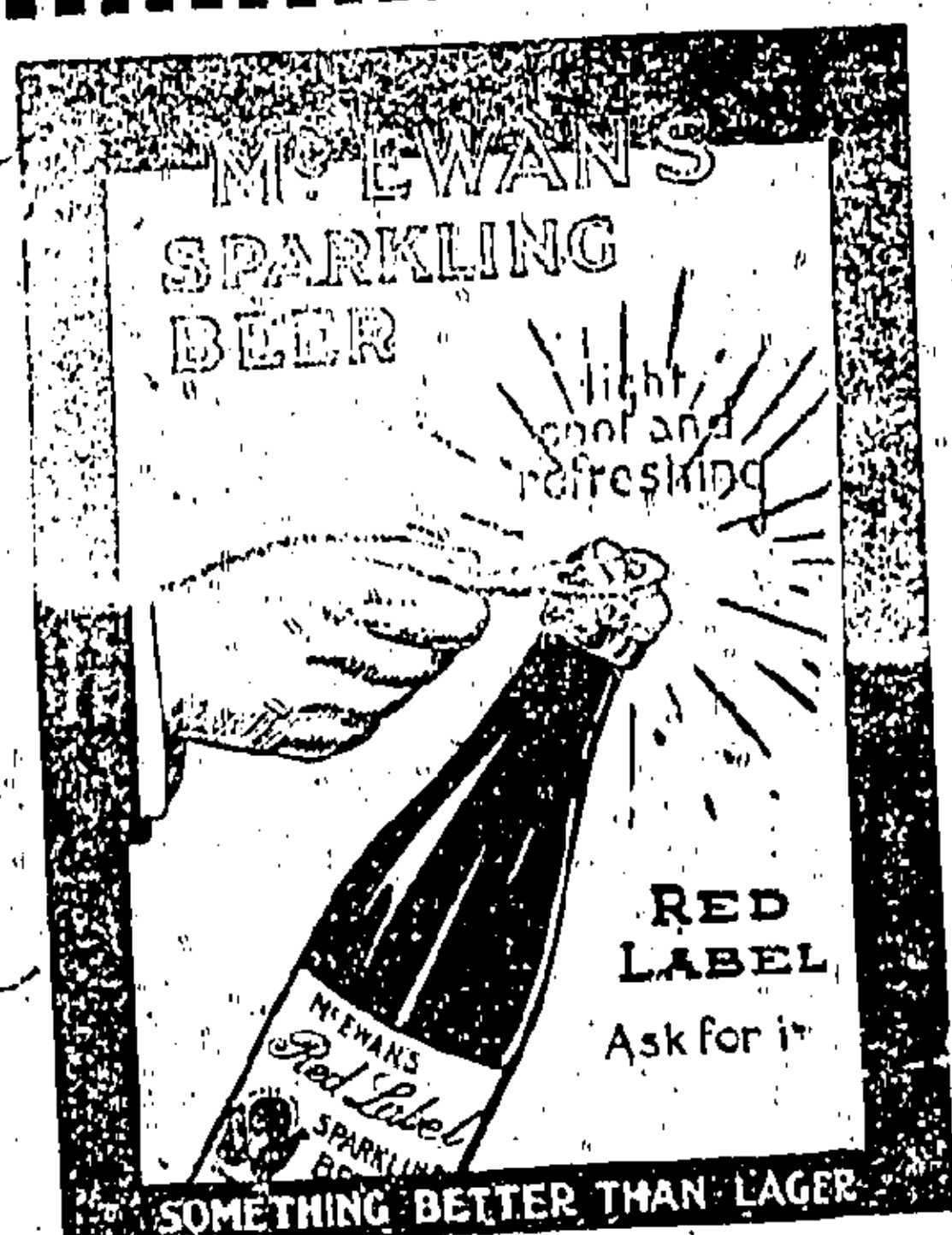
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Dorothy Ellingson, the 16-year-old girl, who confessed to killing her mother when reprieved for too many jazz parties, is shown here before the judge wearing out a warrant for the arrest of Keith Lord, young jazz musician, whom she charged with contributing to her delinquency. Lord is now under arrest.

Shot Her Rival.



MRS. MARY MARTINEZ.

Mrs. Mary Martinez is under arrest after shooting and seriously wounding Mrs. Anna Parmentee, when she found her with her husband, Louis Martinez.

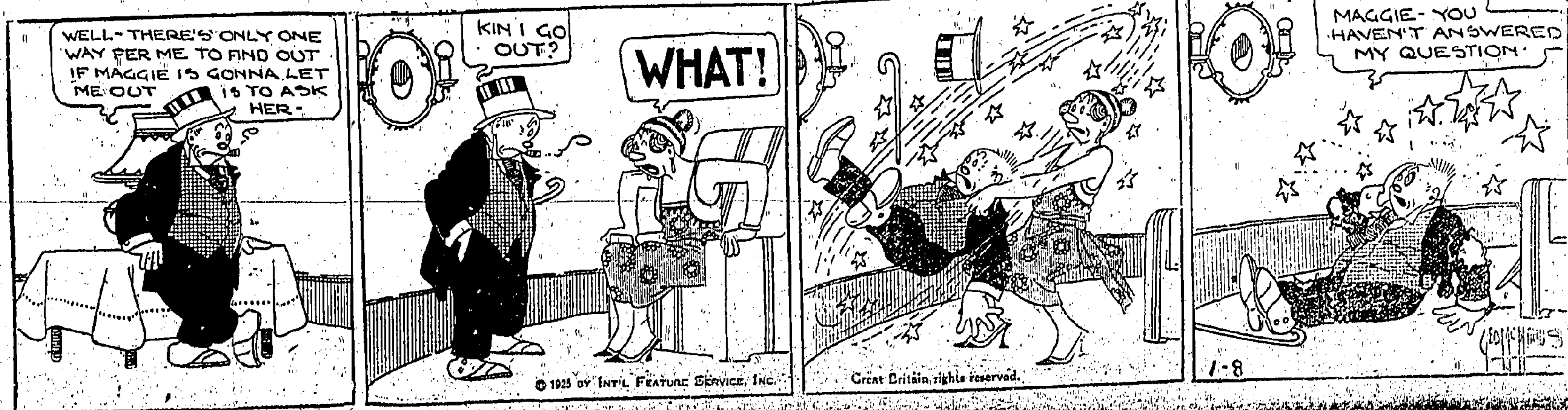
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WORLD OF SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****INTEREST IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

It was a good thing in the interests of the League that Rangers met with a check on Saturday, (says a mail paper of January 24) and that from a most unexpected quarter. They could do no more than draw with lowly Queen's Park, one of the clubs who are fighting to keep a place in the First Division. Airdrieonians had a 6-2 victory over Morton and Hibernians, who are third in the Championship list, beat Hamilton Academicals by 2-1.

At present, Rangers have a lead of three points over Airdrieonians, and are six points better than Hibernians.

All the other clubs are far behind in the race for the Championship, and, indeed, it might almost be said that any two of the remaining seventeen are in danger, more or less, of relegation.

Celtic have lost 24 points in 26 games, and Ayr United, who are worst off in that respect, and are at the foot of the table, have conceded only "nine more." Celtic were beaten at Motherwell, where unfortunate scenes occurred. One of the Celtic players, McGrogan, their new centre-half, was ordered off the field, and there was some stonethrowing, in the course of which a Motherwell man was struck and knocked out. Several arrests were made.

Among the clubs who are in danger, and who were beaten, were Heart of Midlothian, who lost to St. Mirren at Paisley.

Others similarly placed who got into further arrears were Morton, Ayr United, Falkirk, and Kilmarnock. Clubs in the danger zone who improved their prospects were Aberdeen, who defeated Partick Thistle; Cowdenbeath, who won at Ayr; Dundee, who beat Falkirk by 1-0; Motherwell, who were victorious over Celtic; and Third Lanark, who were successful over Kilmarnock.

St. Johnstone did well to draw with Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy, and at the moment both the newcomers to the First Division—the Saints of Perth and Cowdenbeath—are fairly safe.

Clydebank and Dundee United had both victories and continue at the top of the Second Division on equal terms. Bo'ness, who beat Armadale, are now third and

Clydebank, who were beaten at Dunfermline by 4-0, stand fourth, five points behind the leaders. In this division, East Stirlingshire and Forfar Athletic are in greatest danger of relegation, with St. Bernards and Johnstone in close attendance.

Vale of Leven, leaders in the Third Division, were losers, and that helped Nithsdale Wanderers and Queen of the South to creep up on them.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.**ENGLAND'S DEFEAT OF WALES.**

The following criticism of the Rugby International between England and Wales is published in the Observer.

It was not a great game except for the even scoring, and consequent excitement, the play being far too scrappy. It was disappointing, too, to see the Welsh backs continually fumbling the ball. Considering how often

Wales got the ball in the scrums, the three-quarters should have scored more often. As it was, their first score was distinctly lucky. England were beaten in

hooking, but they were seen to greater advantage in the line out, and the backs were much safer. The great pity was that Gibbs never once really got a chance of using his speed. In fact, the ball never came his way at all except in defence, which is the more

unfortunate; as this is decidedly a weak spot in his play. Of the outsiders the men of the match on the English side were Hamilton-Wickes and Massey. The latter was easily a match for Delahay, and was mainly responsible for the latter's bad passing from the scrum, which so upset the Welsh three-quarters. Kittermaster took and gave his passes beautifully, and frequently picked up very well indeed. Brugh proved that he is a one-foot kicker, and he is obviously lacking in the necessary experience for such big games.

Of the forwards, Tucker played the best game I have ever seen him play, and next to him one put Luddington, followed very closely by Periton, Cove-Smith, and Blakiston. All the forwards did well, and it was nice to see Wakefield more prominent than of late, though he is yet far from the old Wakefield.

On the Welsh side, the captain

RACING.**ENTRIES FOR KENTUCKY CLASSIC.**

More than 150 of the fastest three-year-olds in America probably will be nominated for the 51st renewal of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 16. Last winter 174 entries were named for the \$50,000 classic, and the number of high class two-year-olds developed this season indicates as many or more will be in the race before nominations close the last week in February. Of the large number originally made eligible, only rarely do more than a score start in the big race.

Lists of probable nominees already have made their appearance; based upon the form race horses are showing, and a large number of two-year-olds of the 1924 meets are prominently mentioned.

Captain Hal, Master Charlie and Stimulus, three sterling performers, are among the early favourites while the names of Candy Kid, Mother Goose, Single Foot, Star Lore and Swinging are held high by their backers.

Blue Warbler, Brown Sugar, Kentucky Cardinal, Lee O. Cotner, Maud Muller, Sumpter, Sunard, Sunny Man, Young Martin and many more of the east and west are given a call.

The high cost of starting a horse in the race, \$500, and the class of animals entered, are responsible for the comparatively few survivors.

has no need to be dissatisfied with himself. Apart from two mistakes at the end, he played a brilliant game at full-back. Delahay found his equal, or better, in Massey, and quite failed to feed his three-quarters properly, which obviously upset them considerably. Most of their runs were straight across the field, gaining very little ground. Of their forwards, C. Pugh, I. Gore and D. Parker stood out more than the rest. The game was splendidly refereed by A. A. Lawrie (Scotland), though he seemed rather severe on the "playing the ball" rule. Sometimes he gave free-kicks when it seemed impossible for the man to play it. But he knew best.

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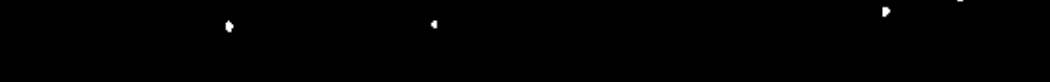
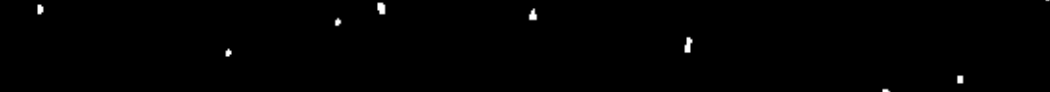
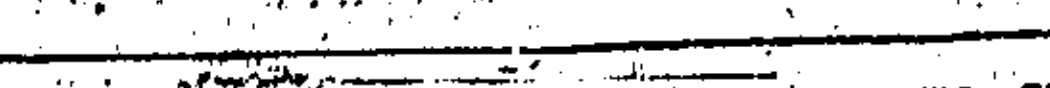
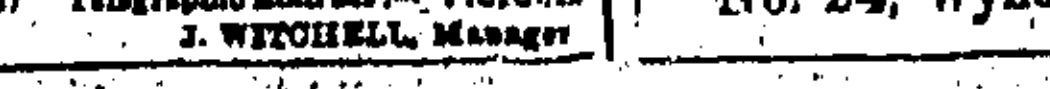
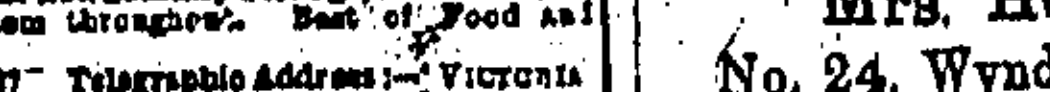
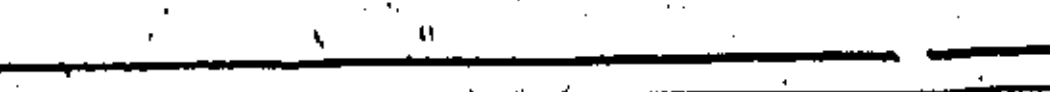
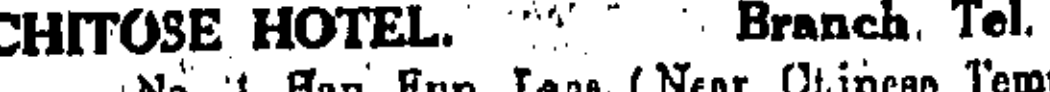
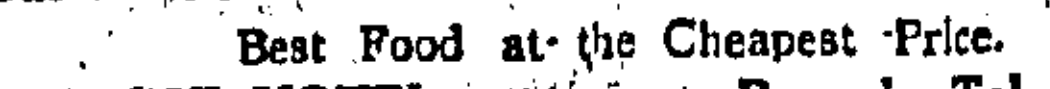
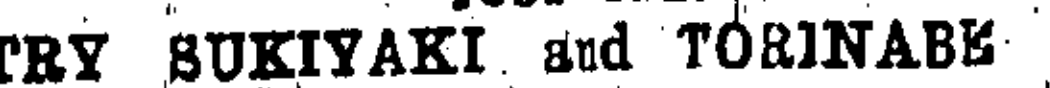
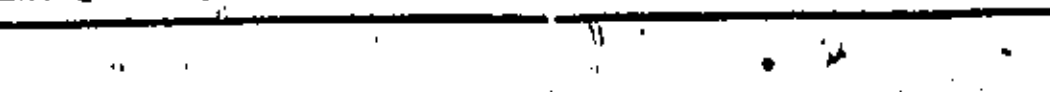
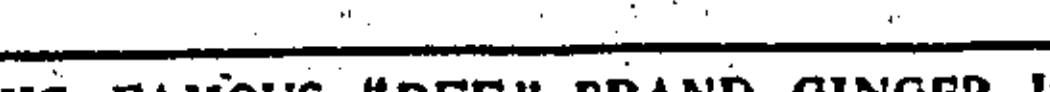
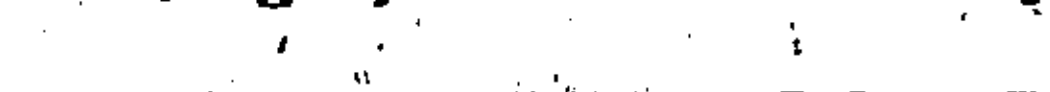

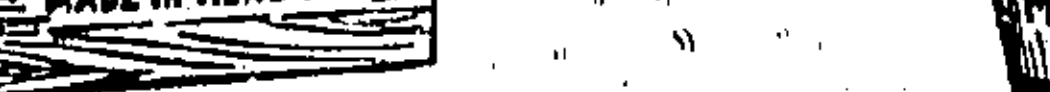
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Sanitary Inspector W. Thompson, who is in charge of the Shamshuipo and Mongkok districts, was the victim of an unfortunate accident yesterday morning when he was run over by a locomotive on the Tai Po Road. He was removed first to the Kwong Wah Hospital and later to the Government Civil Hospital, where he now lies with a badly injured leg.

It was Mr. Thompson's intention to travel to Laichikok by bus, but, finding no vehicle in sight after waiting for a long time, he attempted to board an engine which was proceeding to Laichikok. Missing his footing, he fell with both his legs on the rails, but he managed to extricate his left leg, the right being run over. The driver of the locomotive was apparently unaware of the mishap and continued his journey. Inspector Milligan happened to come along soon after, and he had Mr. Thompson removed to hospital in a motor bus.

ADMISSION TO BAR.

NEW SOLICITOR'S APPLICATION GRANTED.

Yet another addition was made to the ranks of newly-enrolled solicitors at the Supreme Court this morning on the application of the Hon. J. H. Kemp K.C., Attorney General.

Mr. Kemp applied on behalf of Mr. Lancelot Raboth Andrews for him to be admitted to practice in Hongkong with the firm of Johnson, Stokes and Master. Mr. Andrews had served with the Australian forces from 1915-18 when he was invalided out. He was admitted to practice in England in November, 1924.

Mr. Andrews, said the Attorney General, had deposited with the Registrar the certificate of admission, also the necessary one to show that it was still in force, and the testimony of qualified solicitors at Home as to his identity and fitness. The only requirements with which he had not complied were the giving of four months' notice to the Law Society and to the Registrar. Three months' informal notice had been given to the Law Society and two months' formal to the Law Society and the Registrar had no objections to the requirements being waived.

His Lordship said that in the circumstances he thought the claim of notice might be waived. He wished Mr. Andrews success in his new sphere.

EMPTY FLATS.

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Continuing their investigations as to the actual number of vacant flats on the peninsula, the "Far Eastern News Agency" reports in the vernacular papers this morning that there are 262 flats (completed houses) not occupied in the Shamshuipo district.

Previous to this the total for Tsim-sha-tui, Yau-mati, Mongkok, etc., was 1,360 flats. The total, including Shamshuipo, would therefore be 1,622 flats.

To-morrow the totals for Hungnam, Kowloon City and the other remaining districts will be published, in answer to the landlords' claim that there are 7,000 empty flats on the peninsula, says the News Agency.

Peking, February 26.—M. Kankhan, this afternoon, visited the Japanese Legation, where notifications of ratification were exchanged. The treaty is thus now in operation. The procedure occurred at the bedside of Mr. Yoshizawa, who is still laid up.—Reuter.

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